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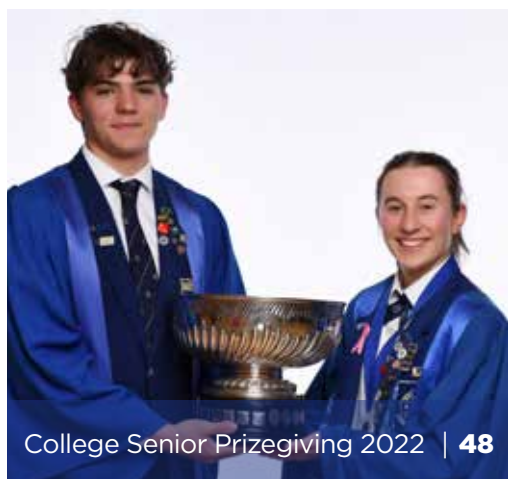
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Boys' School

23 March
25 May
22 June

Girls' School

16 May
14 June

College

29 March
03 May
24 May
14 June

For more information, please visit our website:
www.saintkentigern.com/about-us/campus-tours/

From the Trust Board Chair, **A Community in Service**

As I prepare my contribution to this edition of the Saint Kentigern Piper, I am reminded of community.

Just prior to the end of 2022, I attended the Presbyterian Support Northern (PSN) AGM in Mount Roskill. I was proud to see our Boys' School Year 8 students working industriously in the garden, supporting a joint PSN and Presbytery community initiative. From this meeting, I called in to the College to see senior students packing boxes for the end-of-year service. While their smiles may have reflected their relief in finishing external examinations, it was clear they knew the importance and value of their work in the wider community. Two examples of service in action.

In more recent memory, the Auckland region and much of the North Island experienced unprecedented weather conditions which impacted many. This caused a slight delay in getting our schools back into their 2023 programme, and we observed with horror the pictures of the damage done across our region. Our hearts and prayers go out to the families of those who lost their lives, and to those whose possessions were destroyed as their property was flooded or impacted by landslides. We have seen our wider community rally as it does when there is a need – truly a reminder of the positive power and strength of humanity. Our school Chaplains have again stepped forward, and through the generosity of our community assembled and delivered eighty food boxes within one week to the Presbyterian Foodhub for families in West Auckland, and to Pukekohe Netball Centre where the Auckland Maori Pastorate is supporting severely affected families.

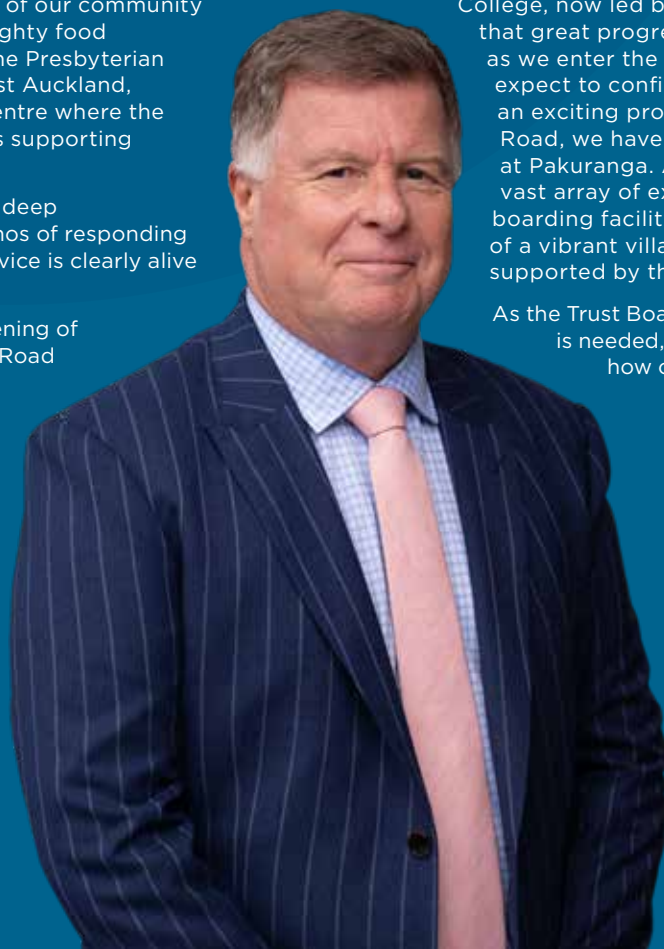
As a community founded in deep Presbyterian values, our ethos of responding to human need in loving service is clearly alive and well.

In lighter news, with the opening of our Preschool on the Shore Road campus in mid-January, we have seen the coming together of three school communities which will now share world-class facilities. It is the culmination of over eight years, from thought, to detailed planning, to funding, and finally to

opening. We will have the formal opening of the Preschool by the Governor-General in late March. I have visited the Shore Road campus a number of times over recent months as this new community has come together. With over one thousand students across two primary schools and the Preschool, we have a community of scale. While the Trust Board has invested over eighty million dollars over the last five years in buildings on this site, the true test of the vibrancy and success of community is the people: our families, our students, and our staff. My observations over recent months, attending Parents and Friends functions, year-end celebrations and the like, have shown me that we have a caring and enthusiastic community on Shore Road. A huge thank you to all who contribute to the strength of that community, to date and into 2023.

As previously communicated, the Trust Board has been working on a review of the Master Plan for the Pakuranga campus. This was necessary as a result of a number of developments, not least how the Covid pandemic has impacted our thinking about the delivery of education in the future. It was also important to ensure that our thinking was aligned with our new leadership team for the College, now led by Mr Damon Emtage. I can report that great progress is being made on the plan and, as we enter the seventieth year of the College, we expect to confirm the first stages of what will be an exciting programme for the campus. Like Shore Road, we have an amazing community of interest at Pakuranga. As it is a College campus offering a vast array of extracurricular options and an on-site boarding facility, we see the continuing evolution of a vibrant village atmosphere, which will be supported by the building programme.

As the Trust Board Chair, I am often reminded of what is needed, but always humbled and proud of how our community responds.



Fides Servanda Est.

Mr Mark Conelly
Trust Board Chair

From the Executive Trustee Seventy Years of Inspiration

On 3 February 2023, students stood outside our Foundation Building on the same day as the College foundation students had done in 1953.

The greyscale photo captures the start of the first teaching in 1953, when ninety-two boys turned up to an almost-bare farmland in what was then considered the distant suburb of Pakuranga. They were standing in front of our Foundation Building, which still sits in the same place today but at the time was the only school structure on a muddy site.

This year, on a rainy day during the first week of school (see colour photo), we held a quiet celebration of seventy years of education at Saint Kentigern. This recent gathering consisted of our prefect team of boys and girls representing the 2,300 students at our College site in 2023. It was a symbol of change and progress in so many ways, and a forerunner to what will be a great seventy-fifth celebration of our community in 2028.

Like most founding stories, our history is a tale of determination and persistence by a few pioneers to provide Presbyterian education for boys. As our mission expanded and our trust deed was modified in later years, this year we also celebrate twenty years of girls.

That day in 1953 had been many years in the making. Around 1946, a small group led by local lawyer Neil 'Polly' Macky began discussing the need for a Presbyterian boys' school in Auckland, much like the institutions already established in other major New Zealand cities. Following the creation of a trust and board chaired by Sir William Goodfellow, an unbelievable donation of fifteen acres in Remuera from the Wilson family (including the Roselle mansion) later became our second campus. It was deemed too small for a secondary college, so the Board looked for suitable locations and initially considered properties in Glen Innes, Takanini and Manurewa.

A Pakuranga farm of fifty acres was ultimately purchased, as well as the adjacent block of land owned by the Ministry of Education. The total site provided one hundred acres sitting on the estuary edge, with a blank canvas for the



founders. The farm, owned by the Roberts family for almost one hundred years, was originally purchased for fifty pounds. Its original white farmhouse still stands today, adjacent to our boarding facility Bruce House.

Within the first year of teaching, construction of a boarding house and classroom block was underway. The boys (pre-health-and-safety regulations!) contributed greatly to the development of the school, with the establishment of sports grounds and gardens.

We have everyday reminders of the spirit behind our multi-generational community with the great- great-grandchildren and relatives of those founders now students themselves. Many of the original Bruce House students returned recently for a commemorative lunch (see page 69). The institution is now at an established age where our 'club' can celebrate the past with old students while also providing a sense of belonging for current students.



Fides Servanda Est.

**Dr Kevin Morris
Executive Trustee**

From the Chaplain

The Value of Human Life: Lessons from Kentigern

I had the opportunity to visit Glasgow, the city of St Kentigern, in October last year as part of a sabbatical.

It was an incredible experience visiting the Glasgow Cathedral, a cathedral dedicated to St Kentigern; I was blown away by its size and incredible history. Unlike many other churches in Scotland, it survived the reformation, meaning parts of the church date back as far as the twelfth century!

But the most significant moment for me in Glasgow didn't come in the cathedral. It came when I was walking down the street. I stumbled across a giant mural of St Kentigern, who I had only ever seen pictures of dressed as a bishop, looking regal. He was, after all, the first bishop of Glasgow and Kentigern is a Celtic word that means 'chief lord'. However, in this mural, Kentigern was not portrayed as a chief lord or bishop. He was depicted as a homeless man. As a work of art, it highlights the issue of homelessness that exists in Glasgow, as it does in Auckland. It also serves as a reminder that a person's true character has nothing to do with outward appearance but with what is on the inside.

In his book *Barking at the Choir*, Fr. Gregory Boyle writes of the importance of helping all people find and feel their worth. It is an idea that is particularly significant in a school setting as we work alongside students encouraging them to discover their potential. Education, in so many ways, is a journey in discovering your self-worth. Perhaps what distinguishes an education at Saint Kentigern is that alongside helping students grow in self-confidence, we actively provide them with opportunities to learn the value of investing in the worth of others.

I am not sure how long I spent staring up at that mural of St Kentigern. Time seemed to stand still. I think one of the reasons my encounter with the mural was so meaningful for me was because last year, feeding the homeless in downtown Auckland was a new service initiative of Saint Kentigern Boys' School and Girls' Schools.

Led by Patsy Hindson, Food Tech teacher at the Boys' School, students, parents, and staff worked chopping vegetables on a Friday afternoon or assembling hāngi trays on a Sunday morning and the same evening serving said hāngi. Every month in 2022, as a school community, we were responsible for serving two-hundred meals to the homeless in partnership with Sunday Blessings.

As I looked closer at the mural, I noticed that St Kentigern was holding a little bird, undoubtedly a reference to one of the miracles of St Kentigern. This miracle took place when he was a young boy. A group of his classmates had been careless and rough with a small robin. They had treated it so poorly that it eventually died. As I

stared at that robin, I thought of how careless we can sometimes be with the value of others.

According to the legend of St Kentigern, he scooped the bird up in his hands, prayed over it, and watched as it miraculously came back to life. It is one of the four miracles of Kentigern depicted on the Glasgow coat of arms. A miracle of compassion and love – qualities that St Kentigern had on the inside.

As you begin this new year, I want to offer some encouragement to you.

First, know your value. You have a value that no one or nothing in this world can take away. God has created you just the way you are. It says in the Book of Jeremiah in the Bible that God has the most amazing plans for your life. This year, as you take another step towards your future, I want you to truly feel your worth.

Second, I want you to remember that what matters is on the inside. Your true value, your true worth, has nothing to do with how you look, how you seem, what you have or what you wear. A long time ago, when the prophet Samuel was choosing the next King of Israel from the sons of Jesse, the Bible says he chose the smallest and least impressive: a young man called David. When everyone tried to talk him out of it, Samuel responded, "You look at the outward appearance, but God looks at the heart".

Thirdly, I want to encourage you to make a priority of helping others to find and feel their worth. We all have a decision to make about what sort of mark we are going to leave on this world, and what sort of impact we will have on others. You can be someone who builds others up, or you can be someone who tears them down. You can see the worst in others, or believe the best and help them find and feel it for themselves. I hope that is the choice you make!



Fides Servanda Est.
Reverend Reuben Hardie
Chaplain to
Saint Kentigern schools

In Memoriam: John Beckett (1945–2022)

It is with great sadness that we mark the passing of John Beckett on 4 December 2022. John was recognised as one of four inaugural recipients of the Saint Kentigern Distinguished Alumni Awards in September this year for his outstanding achievements in business. He will be remembered for his significant contribution to New Zealand over the span of his illustrious career.

Leaving Saint Kentigern in 1962, he completed a degree in engineering with first class honours at the University of Auckland, and holds the distinction of being the first Old Collegian to be awarded a Rhodes Scholarship to attend Oxford University in England in 1967. Continuing the interest in running he began in school, John became the national junior mile champion, and set a New Zealand Universities mile record.

At Oxford University, John completed his Master of Philosophy in Management Studies in 1970, specialising in the economics of industry. Working in London as a consultant for Peat Marwick Mitchell and Co., John had several assignments which took him to the Falkland Islands, West Indies and Belgium. He returned to New Zealand to work for the government mainly in major national infrastructure development projects in transport and energy, with periods in the New Zealand Railways, the Prime Minister's Advisory Group, and the Ministry of Transport.

John then moved to the New Zealand Dairy Board where he was a senior executive for 15 years before he returned to economic consulting in the transport, agriculture and education sector, and for a period was on the New Zealand Apples and Pears Board. He was appointed in 2008 as Executive Director of the Board of Airline Representatives (BARNZ).

We would like to express our deepest sympathy to his wife Ann, children and their families for their loss.



1000 Christmas Hampers

As an organisation rooted in faith, Christmas is a time when we have an opportunity to give generously, reflecting the abundant blessing the birth of Jesus is to us. One small tradition we have instilled at this time of year is the '1000 Christmas Hampers' effort. Each school has a hand to play as a One Organisation initiative. For some, it's food and resource donations or time given to packing boxes. Others partnered with local charities for distribution efforts. We are thankful to all the people who enabled us to provide these little practical miracles at Christmas.

Our 2022 Christmas hamper packing and delivery went off without a hitch, and we are grateful for the tremendous support from so many. Thank you to all who donated, time or otherwise. We want to highlight the SOPHIE Store, Frondent Construction Ltd, the Boys' School Parents and Friends, and the Fisher family for their extreme generosity towards this initiative.



Master Plan Update

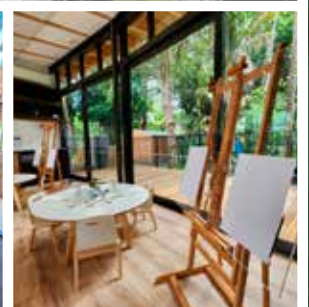
Shore Road Campus Now Complete

The Shore Road Master Plan draws to a close with the completion and move-in of the Preschool in January. This was the final piece of many years of work on Shore Road, including a new Girls' School, the Boys' Senior School, and a shared Specialist Facilities. The staff and children at the Preschool have settled well into their new home and are enjoying the proximity to the Girls' School and Boys' Schools.

Pakuranga Campus

A review and refresh of the Concept Master Plan developed in 2018 is progressing well with phase one completed. Phase two (final) is currently in progress, with an anticipated completion date of mid-2023.

If you have any queries about the Master Plan review process, please email masterplan@saintkentigern.com.



New Preschool on Shore Road

We did it! Our new Preschool is open and the excitement around the centre is buzzing.

Our children and their families have all settled quickly into their new environment with such ease. We love seeing the parents not wanting to leave, rather wishing to be a part of our beautiful new premises alongside their children. Having our central playground so inspired by nature has meant the children are constantly busy exploring what they can do with it. The engineering skills they are developing using the natural water-play and river stones is so exciting to see, and we have all of our girls and boys relishing in the opportunities it provides.

Our children are also thriving in their new classrooms, whether they have the beautiful views of the harbour, the 'Bali-esque' views of the forest, or the knobbly branches of the old tree. Having classrooms that focus on their specific age group and learning requirements means the children can learn at the stage that is right for them. Seeing them when they do come together though, outside or during play, shows the leadership skills our older children continue to build when supporting the younger ones.

What surprised us the most was the ability of the children to adapt straight away on day one to their new environment. After four weeks of summer break, often children will return with a little hesitation about leaving their family. This wasn't the case at all – the pure excitement to not only explore but to reconnect with their teachers and their friends was so strong. This is a credit to our

teachers and the strength of the relationships they have built with the children.

The appreciation for the new environment isn't limited to the children; we have enjoyed seeing the parents explore the environment of the new Preschool, many telling us they don't want to leave for work as they'd much rather return to their own childhood and stay to play and learn with us.

Leaving Remuera Road, our home for the last eleven years, was certainly emotional, but with the support of all of the Preschool staff and Trust Services, we were able to completely vacate the premises and leave it ready for its next group of children.

For any families of existing children or Old Collegians who have preschool-aged children, we would encourage you to contact us to make a time to visit our new Preschool to experience it for yourself. The photos and words can only describe so much of the feeling the building has created. I am confident you will be as impressed as I am with the purpose-built design that favours a sense of connectedness and community, the foundational values that will pave the way for our children to thrive.

As you can imagine, the past few months have been extremely busy, and I would like to thank our teachers who were committed to ensuring that learning continued for our children as we transitioned into our new Preschool. The events continued as you will see on the following pages, and the children and families enjoyed some exciting days.

We are thrilled to have finally joined our Boys' School and Girls' School on the Shore Road Campus and look forward to working much more closely with them.

Fides Servanda Est.

Mrs Nikki Joyce
Preschool Principal



Attention to Detail: Designed with Intention

It is hard to believe that only a year ago, the new Shore Road Preschool was just a blueprint and a plot of land. If you were to walk past the property now, you would see a beautiful new building, parents dropping off and picking up, and perhaps the sound of rather excitable children.

When the opportunity arose to not only move the Preschool onto the same campus as our two existing Shore Road schools, but to design it from scratch, it was decided the architecture and design needed to represent Saint Kentigern as an organisation and our unique culture as a Preschool. From the circular architecture to the naming of classrooms, no details have been spared in our design.

Once you've walked through reception, you come into the centre of the outdoor atrium. The Celtic Cross takes pride of place in the atrium play area, visible from a bird's-eye view. Central to our Preschool and the foundation of our values, the cross represents Saint Kentigern's Presbyterian heritage and continued emphasis on the Christian faith.

Another unique feature of the outdoor area is the incorporation of natural elements. The little stony-creek water feature, sand pit, palm trees, conventional playground and surrounding grassy banks use nature to ignite curiosity in the students. The

earthy components of the atrium invite our children to probe, ask questions, and make suggestions based on their observations.

Enclosing the atrium is a circular-shaped building that houses four classrooms, an art studio or atelier, a shared function and dining space, the Principal's office, and a meeting room. As you walk clockwise around the building, the classroom groupings begin with our youngest students and finish with the eldest students. Each classroom has a selection of age-appropriate toys carefully curated to ensure they are made from natural resources wherever possible. The minimalist yet cosy design has already proven to be a win for the children. Since moving in January, they have settled in quickly, and we know the space will only enhance their learning and growth.

We've also noticed the increased interaction between children from different classrooms thanks to the shared dining area. This is where revolving meal sittings are held, reflecting our belief that meals are a time to nourish bodies, hearts, and minds and to socialise with classmates and teachers from other rooms.

From blueprint to reality, we are grateful for the investments poured into this new Preschool. The attention to detail has created a homely, inviting, and beautiful space for our Preschool community.





First Day at Shore Road

The rainy summer was all but forgotten as the sun burst out of the clouds for the first day at our new Preschool on Shore Road. Nestled between the bush and the Boys' School, which wasn't due back from holiday for another few weeks, the children arrived with the sun streaming into their serene new building.

When the doors opened at 7:30am, the staff were prepped and ready for the first young student to walk in. A steady stream of children came through in the next few hours, each wide-eyed as they walked through the entrance with their parents. Within minutes of arrival, bags were tucked away in their nooks and toys were out.

Over the morning, the children spent time exploring their new classrooms and the outdoor tropical play area. Despite this being a new environment, there was little fuss settling in. This is a testament to the strong relationships built between our teachers and students. Even after a long break with much-needed family time, our youngest were set at ease when they saw the big smiles on the teachers' familiar faces.

After a quick play inside, it wasn't long before hats were on and most children ran outside to the sand pit. The diggers were a big hit, not spending a moment empty the entire morning. The outdoor design encouraged the children to play together, many helping each other build little sand houses.

By 9:30am, the breakfast stores were wiped out from the excitement of so many new things to do. A delicious morning tea of fresh fruit, cheese and crackers, and different dips replenished hungry bellies for some learning in the afternoon. It's safe to say we love our new home.





Familiarising to the New Preschool Environment

In preparation for the move to our new premises on Shore Road, each of our Preschool classes were taken on a visit to their soon-to-be home. It was important to give the children a chance to familiarise themselves with the location, layout, and different spaces they would be occupying in 2023.

Beginning with the youngest, each class took a trip from Remuera Road to the new Preschool. As they toured the classrooms and play area, they were shown where they would put their bags, where they would eat, and more.

Following the tour, the children spent time exploring the grounds simply to become comfortable in the space. The delight was apparent as each young face lit up discovering the play possibilities with new toys and cubbies. One morning simply wasn't enough, as when it was time to leave there was much left to be explored. Fortunately, it wasn't long until they were back on opening day on January 16th.



Future Kiwi Athletes Spotted at Tabloid Sports and Cross Country

If you'd had a peek in the Jubilee Sports Centre on our Shore Road campus Friday the 4th of November 2022, you would have been met with an unusual sight. Squeals of delight from much smaller students and their highly entertained parents filled the building in a hive of activity.

In an action-packed morning of Tabloid Sports and Cross Country, the girls and boys at the Preschool got their first taste of school sports. With previous year's event cancelled like many others due to Covid, there was great anticipation for students and parents alike. Perhaps the biggest question on everyone's minds was who would win the infamous parents' cross country race?

As the excited faces streamed into the hall in the morning, they were met with eight different sports stations. The high jump, hurdles, and sack race had them bouncing off the floor, whereas the egg and

spoon race and stilt walking required a tricky mix of concentration and balance. There were a few throwing events, like the bean bag throw and turkey toss for the future shot putters in the group. There was even a soccer kick competition for budding All Whites and Football Ferns.

After each group had tried their hand at all the Tabloid Sports, the teachers prepared the cross country. They started with the three-year-old girls, then boys, who ran about 100m down the field to a crowd of cheering parents and teachers. The four-year-old girls were next, followed by the boys, who each ran one lap of the field at a very impressive pace. Finally, the parents raced with just as much - perhaps more - competitiveness than their children! Family involvement makes the day a little more special. Thank you to everyone who came out to enjoy the sun with us.



Carols, Santa and More to Usher in Christmas

JC Chalmers was packed with families with their cameras at the ready as our Preschool children arrived in their adorable Santa hats for the much anticipated annual Christmas Show in December 2022. Children craning their necks in search of their loved ones, followed by squeals of excitement when their eyes meet is always a joy to watch.

Preschool Principal Ms Nikki Joyce welcomed families, friends, and invited guests including Trust Board members before introducing the stars of the show who took turns on stage to perform nine Christmas songs. First up was our Preschool favourite The Red, Red Coat followed by The Reindeer Dance led by a handful of children dressed aptly in reindeer costumes.

Proud families sang along, every now and then rushing forward to record precious moments of their child dancing and singing. The children spent many weeks learning the

actions and words to their favourite festive songs, smiling brightly and waving happily as they spotted their loved ones in the audience. Everyone present couldn't help but smile seeing the joy on each of the children's faces.

The show culminated with the Cross Country prizegiving before Executive Trustee Dr Kevin Morris came on stage to say a few words, and lastly a blessing was led by Chaplain Reverend Reuben Hardie. Following on from the formalities, guests were treated to refreshments.

Just when everyone thought the party had come to an end, the sound of bells saw children rushing towards the door. You guessed right... Santa! When Santa finally had a chance to sit, each child came forward for a photo and received a present.

Well done, children! Santa knew where to come because he heard you all singing so well!



Growing Green Thumbs

"Nature is a tool to get children to experience not just the wider world, but themselves," Stephen Moss.

Throughout the year at Preschool, our children and teachers alike have enjoyed looking after our outside spaces, where the children have been involved in a variety of gardening experiences. We have topped up planter beds and moved soil with our wheelbarrows – the children enthusiastically getting stuck in! We have planted plants to soften and brighten our indoor spaces, all guessing what colour flowers would emerge. The children have spent time caring for these plants, taking turns to water them.

Carrots, broccoli/broccolini and sweet pea seeds were planted in the garden with the children tending to the vegetables until harvest, enjoying the 'garden-to-table experience' where they could taste the fruits of their labour. Our broccolini seemed to be a firm favourite!

The children also planted individual seedlings and sunflowers, with the sunflower seedlings going home as a Christmas present from each child to their whānau. We are looking forward to seeing how their sunflowers have fared over the holiday period.

Working with and learning about plants while immersing themselves in nature is something our children enjoy, giving us the opportunity to extend and weave many aspects of the curriculum into everyday experiences. Throughout 2022, we touched on aspects of numeracy, science, and literacy as well as the social, physical, and environmental aspects and benefits of working with nature. We are all looking forward to seeing how we can extend our children's interest in the great outdoors in our new Preschool environment in 2023.





Engineering with Water

At the Preschool, our children are actively supported to develop their exploration skills in various ways. Our new outdoor space has been particularly designed to invite the children to be curious and creative with the natural materials on offer. They were enthralled to learn they could turn on the water taps; this set off a chain of events that led to freestyle construction with the river stones, bamboo, and the water itself.

The movement of the water was captivating for the children. Their intrigue led to them formulating their own hypotheses such as 'How can I catch the water?' and 'How can we guide the flow of the water?'

The children set to work laying pieces of bamboo and having robust discussions about how to connect them. This play highlights the opportunities that our early childhood curriculum provides for children to engage with science and engineering concepts. Dispositional traits such as taking risks, perseverance, and problem-solving are enriched through playful learning activities such as these, helping children to acquire concrete knowledge about the world around them.



Happy Chinese New Year!

2023 is the Year of the Rabbit according to the Chinese Zodiac calendar. To celebrate the most important festival among the Chinese community, we have been engaged in a variety of activities. On the day before Chinese New Year's Eve, our children made dumplings for lunch with the help of our lovely chef Sue. It was lovely to see the children working as a team to grate and mix the ingredients before carefully sealing the edges of their dumplings with forks.

During our investigation time, we have enjoyed famous Chinese New Year stories such as The Legend of Nian, which explains why celebrating the new year is called 'Guo Nian', and The Great Race, a story about the origins of the twelve zodiac animals.

In addition to the stories, our children loved making traditional crafts such as lanterns, dragons, red envelopes, and the Chinese good luck sign '福' (fu). The most exciting part of the New Year celebrations may have been the dramatic plays, with our students dressed up in traditional costumes from both the Han and Qing dynasties. It was amazing to see them in costume, sharing noodles and dumplings with their friends at the dining table set up in the youngest classroom.

Experiencing and understanding more about different cultures in the world helps our children make connections between people, places, and things, and offers them great opportunities to recognise the stories and symbols of their own culture.

Throughout the activities, we integrated different aspects of our early childhood curriculum such as science, numeracy, literacy, physical, social and emotional into the children's amazing journey. We look forward to learning more about the different cultures in our Preschool whānau in 2023.

Jimmy Carter, the 39th President of the USA was once quoted when acknowledging its nation's differences. He said, "Those differences don't make us weak. They're the source of our strength."



Every Boy Deserves a Champion

Relationships that our boys build, nurture and develop during their time at school are fundamental to their learning.

Connections with peers, the community and their teachers, in particular, are pivotal to help create a greater sense of belonging while encouraging participation and engagement.

Educational research has shown us how positive student-teacher relationships have led to improved academic performances, the creation of dynamic classroom environments, enhanced student motivation, promoted learning, and in some instances decreased behavioural problems.

Generations of boys we have taught have found that the student-teacher relationships they cultivated had immeasurable effects on their learning and schooling experience. The way our students engage and speak with their teachers is evidence of their strong relationships. This is often what makes new families want to be a part of our great community.

While Covid to some extent changed the way we were able to engage with one another over the last two years, we look to 2023 with much excitement and optimism. 2023 is the year we focus on building and maintaining relationships with our students (and the wider community), getting to know them (even better), learning what interests them, makes them tick, and how we can get the very best from them.

Those of you who attended our prizegiving event in December would have heard me recall highlights of an exceptional 2022. As we start the new school year, you can already see the opportunities available each week, and how busy the school environment can be. When capitalised on, these opportunities play an important role in the development of our boys. Term 1 in particular will see routines established for those new to the school, while others adjust to expectations of their new year levels and syndicates.

BUILDING DEVELOPMENTAL RELATIONSHIPS

Elements	Sample Actions (and Explanations)
Express Care	Be dependable (Be someone I can trust) Listen (Really pay attention) Encourage (Praise my efforts and achievements) Believe in me (Make me feel known and valued)
Challenge Growth	Expect my best (Expect me to live up to my potential) Hold me accountable (Insist I take responsibility for my actions) Help me reflect on failures (Help me learn from my mistakes) Stretch me (Push me to go further)
Provide Support	Navigate (Guide me through hard situations) Empower me (Build my confidence to take charge of my life) Advocate (Defend me when I need it) Set boundaries (Establish limits to keep me on track)
Share Power	Respect me (Take me seriously and treat me fairly) Include me (Involve me in decisions that affect me) Collaborate (Work with me to solve problems and reach goals) Let me lead (Create opportunities for me to take action)
Expand Possibilities	Inspire (Inspire me to see possibilities for my future) Broaden horizons (Expose me to new experiences, ideas, and places) Connect (Introduce me to more people who can help me)

This framework focuses on building developmental relationships in a school environment with key elements and actions, and will ensure every boy's growth and development during the 2023 school year.



A Toast to the Graduating Class of 2022

As our Year 8 boys' time at the school draws to a close, students, parents, staff, Trust Board members and invited guests gathered at the Ellerslie Event Centre to celebrate their achievements, learning and friendships.



In his welcome address, Year 8 Dean Mr Steve Aucamp applauded all students for striving to be better every day, and in doing so collectively raising the standard. Referring to the analogy of a small fish in a big pond, Mr Aucamp complimented the boys for all they have achieved and challenged them to give it their all in the next stage of their education.

"The 'pond' needs what you can offer and I know what you can offer is limitless. I am confident the experience you have gained here will set you on the right path in your next chapter. Anything is possible when you hold strong to the Saint Kentigern values. Go out and make yourself proud. You are ready," said Mr Aucamp.

Mr Hayden Butler, President of the Old Collegians Association was next to come on stage to welcome the boys to the association as alumni. Chapel Prefect Matthew Sawden then said grace before guests were invited to enjoy a sumptuous buffet dinner.

This year's special guest speaker was Old Collegian and world champion wakeboarder Mr Brad Smeele. Sharing his inspiring life lessons with the audience, Mr Smeele reminded the boys that failure is part of the journey to success and that the Saint Kentigern education will help prepare them, as it did for him, and allow them to lean on those values and skills to get through adversities. He said, "I have had thousands of tries before I achieved what I set out for myself. Through struggles I learnt to take control and to own situations both good and bad by having the right attitude and taking necessary actions." His message of "You own it" was loud and clear.

In a toast to the Year 8 students, Mr Cassie congratulated the boys on their outstanding achievements and contribution to the school. Several of them had started from Year 0 and 1, and a handful from Preschool; Saint Kentigern being the only school they had been to. Mr Cassie acknowledged the boys' families, whose connection with the school when combining siblings and generational involvement spanned a number of years; the record being 16.5 years combined at the school.

We wish all our graduating Year 8 boys the very best as they embark on the next stage in their educational journey. We look forward to hearing about their future successes and welcoming them back in December 2027 for our reunion gathering.



Rest assured that the boys are not left to navigate new routines and expectations on their own. While teachers focus on delivering the best quality teaching and learning, they will be paying equal attention and making a conscious effort to build developmental relationships with your son.

My expectation for our teachers is to develop and sustain a close rapport with every boy they encounter, continuously asking themselves, "How can I inspire and make a difference for this boy's learning?"

Therein lies the challenge, as each boy is unique and will require our teachers to go the extra mile and be well versed and equipped to support our boys. Armed with proven elements and guiding principles for developing strong student-teacher relationships, throughout the course of the year our teachers will to get to know the boys, be there for them, challenge their thinking, encourage them to step out of their comfort zone, develop their resilience and motivate them every step of the way to be the best versions of themselves.

Perhaps veteran teacher, the late Rita Pierson, summed it up best in her TED Talk when she shared how educators can make a difference. "Every child deserves a champion, an adult who will never give up on them, who understands the power of connection, and insists that they become the best that they can possibly be."

This is the commitment you can expect from each and every one of our teachers. Someone who will be our boys' (your son's) biggest challenger, and cheerleader. Someone the boys can rely on as their confidant, and champion.

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Mr Peter Cassie
Boys' School Principal



Goodbyes Begin for Boys' School Leavers – Tie Presentation

In the first of many 'finals' for our Year 8 boys towards the end of Term 4 2022, the annual Leavers Tie Presentation brought a little joy to a rather rainy Friday afternoon. It was an intimate and memorable moment in the boys' school year, where the Year 3 boys presented their fellow schoolmates with their ties. Symbolic of the changing season, our Year 3 boys are coming of age and graduating from Junior School. Similarly, our Year 8 boys will soon be leaving for College.

Before the ceremony, the Year 3 boys were asked how they thought the Year 8 leavers would feel. Many hands raised, and an incredible assortment of answers came forth. Some said nostalgic and grateful; others said excited for the journey ahead. A sense of achievement, a tinge of sadness,

and anticipation were also mentioned. That summed it up, as the adults couldn't have spoken better words.

On top of the tie presentation, several other awards were given at the ceremony, including sports, MasterChef, and service awards. We would like to congratulate Oliver McGuinness, Sachin Matheson and Harrison Keene for their incredible achievement of Gold Service Awards.

For our Boys' School Year 8 leavers, the same feelings described by our Year 3 boys were reciprocated by the staff, who have journeyed with many of the boys since they were new entrants. We are grateful for the legacy you have left. We hope you continue to lead with respect, integrity, service, excellence and love wherever your journey takes you.



The Last Lunch

As we emerge from our Covid bubbles, the new normal is heavily influenced by our experience these past few years. Our 2022 leavers were fortunate enough to participate in age-old traditions like the tie ceremony, a formal prizegiving, and an in-person carol service, all of which had been halted during the pandemic.

During the pandemic in 2021, instead of the usual formalities we hosted a leavers' barbecue lunch which allowed the students to celebrate social-distance style. The afternoon was such a hit that despite normalcy returning this year, we kept the new celebration.

Our Year 8 leavers enjoyed a delicious barbecue for their last school lunch. The smell of steaks and sausages sizzling on the grill had other year groups drooling with jealousy, no doubt heightening anticipation for their final year when they will be treated to the same.

Congratulations, class of 2022! You are worth the extra celebration, and we will keenly follow your future journeys.



A Salute to the Old Boys' Class of 2017

Each year we love to welcome back our Old Boys from five years prior to enjoy a barbecue lunch and reunion with their classmates. It is an excellent way to connect after spending their last five years at high school, catching them just before they head off around the world. The event in December 2022 saw 240 leavers from 2017 and family members arrive to the smell of steaks on the grill and delicious summer salads. Old friendships reconnected and memories were shared gleefully by the students who had just finished their high-school exams. We wish them well in their 2023 plans, whether travelling the world, hitting the books, or picking up a trade. We are proud to call them forever sons of Kentigern.



Service in the Surf

As the leaders in the school, our Year 8 students are tasked with emulating what service looks like to the younger year groups. After a year of the unexpected, we saw many of the boys walk their last year with grace, respect, and an attitude of service, earning them Silver Service Awards.

The recipients were taken on a three-day service trip to Tāwharanui to thank them for their leadership and encourage them to continue this mindset in high school. They engaged in two tasks to help the environment before being treated to a surf lesson with the NZ Surf Academy. The focus in service was on caring for the trees on the coastline, which involved shifting mulch and sand to areas that needed further protection. It was a 'work hard, play hard' kind of trip, with shouts of joy erupting from the boys when they attempted to catch some waves on the large barrel waves at the beach.

Thank you to our Year 8 Silver Service Medal winners for being incredible role models for the rest of our students.



8CL Tops Competition in MasterChef Showdown

With heightened senses and tastebuds tingling, the Year 8 students at the Boys' School have developed a taste for the exquisite, channelling their inner foodies over two Fridays in October 2022. The boys embarked on an afternoon culinary training led by MasterChef Brett McGregor and Chef Juan Pons-Seres de Brauwer who is the culinary development lead at Compass Group.

In conjunction with our food technology curriculum and the completion of brilliant new cooking facilities, the Year 8 classes enjoyed learning about the effects of food consumption on their everyday lives. Several students were challenged to a taste test of some rather unusual foods. To Brett's surprise, the boys guessed every food on the plate, including bonito (fish flakes), saucisson (French salami), and blue cheese. Admittedly, there were a few shrivelled faces at the blue cheese, which was a crowd favourite for those watching but not so much for those tasting!

The following week, the four best young chefs from each class were put forward to battle it out in a MasterChef competition. Brett revealed the challenge was lasagne made entirely from scratch. They had to make the pasta, meat filling, and the bechamel sauce before assembling the layers and baking until a golden-brown meal emerged.

With the smell of fresh pasta wafting through the building, the dishes were lined up for judges Brett and Juan to taste. The boys were brought back in for the big reveal, and the winning team was announced as 8CL, consisting of George Joll, Seb Lunjevich, Andrew Xin and Liam Zhao. An individual best chef award was awarded to George Joll.





Boys' School Prizegiving 2022: Recognising Commitment to Excellence

There were many occasions throughout the year where our boys demonstrated strong commitment to excellence and recorded successes in different areas of school life. The year-end prizegiving is a fitting way to acknowledge and congratulate our boys for all they have achieved in 2022.

The gym at the College Sports Centre was filled with our Boys' School community who came along on the last day of school to celebrate all they had accomplished.

In his opening address, Trust Board Chair Mr Mark Conelly recounted the exceptional year starting with the opening of the new Macky Senior School and Specialist Facilities in Term 1. He encouraged the boys to treasure the memories and friendships they make, sharing that he too made some of his closest friends during his time at Saint Kentigern. He went on to congratulate prize winners and urge students to take advantage of every opportunity that comes their way and to strive to be the best they can be.

The award ceremony began with the presentation of music, speech and cultural awards, followed by the sports awards and academic awards for each syndicate. The Christian living and service awards and special awards were then read by Deputy Principal Mr Grayson Aspinall and presented by Mr Conelly and Boys' School Principal Mr Peter Cassie respectively.

Throughout the event, guests were treated to well-rehearsed performances by the Jazz Band, Jazz Combo and the Performers' choir.

In his principal's address Mr Cassie commended the boys for continuing to perform well in school and within the broader community. He said the hive of activity throughout the year, be it activities to complement academic programmes, sports or cultural events, inter-house competitions or service initiatives, presented the boys with ample opportunities. While hectic at times, the outcome had been extremely worthwhile. "All these ensure our boys are provided with an all-round education where excellence is expected. Our boys thrive on the competitive opportunities available."

To conclude, graduating Head Boy Toby Wigglesworth made his final valedictorian speech before he was joined by his Deputy Oliver McGuinness to hand the mantle of leadership to new Head Boy and Deputy Head Boy, Ben Robertson and Campbell Williams, respectively. Our new leaders including the prefect team of 2023 were announced by Mr Cassie.

It was with mixed emotions that the ceremony drew to a close, marking the last day for our Year 8 graduates at Saint Kentigern Boys' School. In his parting words Toby shared, "As we leave today as sons of Saint Kentigern, I challenge you: live your life as best as you can and fill it with long-lasting memories. Remember, life is like a book. Some chapters are sad, some happy and some exciting. But if you never turn the page, you will never know what the next chapter holds."

Congratulations to all boys who received awards at this year's prizegiving and we wish all our Year 8 students the very best as they move on to college.



DUX

Zhening (Tony) Li

Tony has had an exceptional year, reaching excellence in all areas of the curriculum and achieving outstanding results during his time at Saint Kentigern Boys' School. In 2022, his combined year and examination results were: English 95%, Maths 96%, Social Science 95%, and Science 99.8%. This gives him an average of 97%.



Tony is a highly diligent, motivated, and conscientious young man and is a worthy recipient of the Foundation Pupil Cup for Dux. He was awarded 1st in English, 1st in Science and 1st in Spanish. He also achieved exceptional results in the ICAS Mathematics, Digital Technologies and Science assessments, scoring a high distinction for each.

In the NIWA Science Fair, Tony was awarded 1st in Technology as well as a Gold Sponsor award. Tony also focused on service in the school and community, and achieved his Gold Service award.

Proxime Accessit Oliver McGuinness

The Jubilee Cup for Proxime Accessit is awarded to Oliver McGuinness, a deserving and hard-working recipient. Oliver's combined year and examination results were: English 93%, Maths 95%, Social Science 92%, and Science 99%. This gives him an average of 95%.



Oliver is an outstanding student who has participated in a variety of academic and sporting activities. In the NIWA Science Fair, Oliver achieved 1st in Living World as well as a Silver Sponsor award. His service to the school was exemplary and he achieved his Gold Service award. Oliver was also commended for being an exemplary Deputy Head Prefect.

Senior Sportsman of the Year Harrison Day

The Ross Perry Cup for Senior Sportsman of the Year goes to Harrison Day, who has represented the school at the highest level in many sporting codes including 1st XV rugby, touch rugby, eastern zone touch rugby, Year 8 Cross Country (Champion), eastern zone cross country, interzone cross country, Year 8 Athletics Champion, and interzone athletics. He was awarded the Sports Cup for field athletics and for being Year 8 Athletics Champion. Harrison also received the Knox Family Lion Heart award for true grit and spirit with a 'never say die' attitude in the sporting arena.



Outstanding 2022 ICAS Results

Our Boys' School students have again demonstrated their proficiency across Digital Technologies, English, Science and Mathematics subjects with outstanding results in the 2022 International Competitions and Assessments Competition (ICAS).

This year, our students achieved a total of five medals and 36 high distinctions. Students who scored top results in New Zealand were awarded a gold medal for their outstanding performance.

The following boys received medals for achieving top scores in the country in these respective subjects:

Subject	Year group in 2022	Name
Digital Technologies	Year 5	Cyrus Tong
Science	Year 5	Zixiang (Paul) Yuan
	Year 6	Oliver Mar
Mathematics	Year 5	Zixiang (Paul) Yuan
	Year 7	Eason Liu

Please join us in congratulating all students for their amazing effort.



From left to right: Eason Liu, Cyrus Tong, Zixiang Yuan



Oliver Mar



P&F Staff Scholarship Winner Patsy Hindson

Please join us in congratulating Patsy who received \$5,000 towards her culinary training at the Basque Culinary School, Donostia-San Sebastian, Spain, in 2023.





Boys' School Carol Service was Pure Gold

Each year, our Carol Service brings together the pride of Saint Kentigern Boys' School with years of Christmas tradition for an incredibly special evening of remembrance. Inside the Holy Trinity Cathedral, the piper plays and carollers sing to celebrate an end and a beginning. As our Year 8 boys relish their last few days at the school, others ponder on the first days of our saviour's time on earth. It is a time for all to stop, reflect, and be grateful for our life in Jesus.

The murmurs in the packed cathedral quietened as the sound of the pipes by Liam Jarvis echoed from the balcony throughout the cathedral, announcing the start of the service. Chaplain Reverend Reuben Hardie called all who had gathered to worship. The evening began with the timeless song *Away in a Manger*. Principal of the Boys' School Mr Peter Cassie then welcomed all the guests in attendance.

The story of Jesus' birth did not begin in a manger as many may think. A man named Isaiah prophesied his birth, the place he would lay, and his character hundreds of years before it came to be. That is where our story begins. Head Boy Toby Wigglesworth started by reading the story of Christmas with this prophecy. The Bible encourages all that "The people walking in darkness have seen a great light" (Isaiah 9:2). Melody Lui-Webster, our College Year 13 graduate followed the excerpt with a beautiful rendition of *Mary, Did You Know?* Toby's mother, Mrs Suzie Wigglesworth, rounded out the prophetic section by completing the prophecy of Jesus from Isaiah.

After the prophecy was shared, the Junior School set the stage for baby Jesus to enter the world by performing *The Joy of the First Christmas*. Deputy Head Boy Oliver McGuinness read an excerpt from the Gospel of Luke. He described the events of Jesus' birth, followed by the Performers' Choir and flautist Liam Zhao who performed *What Child is This?* Throughout the evening, speakers and musicians weaved scripture and song together to paint a picture of the true meaning of Christmas.

After several more carols, Reverend Hardie invited three boys on stage to help share his message and theme for this year's Carol Service. He wrapped up by saying, "I imagine in your life you are going to have at your fingertips positions of influence, of wealth, and whatever your heart desires. With all that, I really hope that you will never forget that what matters most is on the inside because what is inside is pure gold".

The final tradition of the Carol Service is the leavers' candle lighting. Reverend Hardie invited the Year 8 boys to remain in front as he blessed their journey into College before Head Boy Toby and Deputy Head Boy Oliver led their peers from the cathedral to end the beautiful service.

The celebration reminded us of the importance of having a gratitude attitude. The end of a chapter for our leavers often nudges us to look back and see the journey with hindsight's wisdom. Now looking forward, we hope our boys keep their eyes on what's important and their hearts like pure gold.





Boys Choir Performed at Armistice Memorial Service

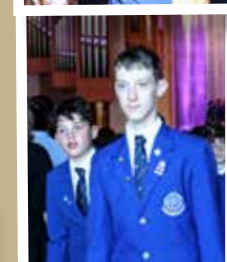
We will remember them.

At the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month of 1918, the announcement of peace brought relief to people across New Zealand. In the present time, the Auckland Museum holds an annual service to remember those who have fallen and practice gratitude for the peace we still enjoy.

On Friday 11th of November at 11am, two minutes of silence were observed to remember those who served our country and fell in battle. The silence of this commemoration contrasted with the lilting notes of our Boys' School Performers' Choir as they fulfilled the honour of leading the musical portion of the service.

Conducted by Mrs Georgina Jarvis, the boys performed three times throughout the service. They sang beautiful renditions of the hymns The Lord's my Shepherd and There is Peace, and the national anthems God Save the King and God Defend New Zealand. Members of the public, dignitary representatives of over fifteen countries, and family and friends of the fallen were all in attendance at this momentous occasion.

Between the choral performances, speeches, prayers, wreath laying, poetry, and most importantly remembrance completed the service. Guest of Honour Colonel Trevor Walker, Commander of Training and Doctrine Command, on behalf of the Chief of Army, Major General John Boswell, addressed attendees with an important message of gratitude. It is an honour for our Boys' Performers' Choir at a young age to lead the public in music at such a momentous event.





Community Together Again for the Fireworks Spectacular

After a two-year hiatus, the organising team for the Fireworks Show were kept anxious by the forecast of gusty wind and heavy rain.

Nevertheless, they persevered undeterred and put on a spectacular show in what is one of the favourite celebrations in the Boys' School annual calendar- the Fireworks Event.

A beeline on Shore Road formed as early as 5pm with over two thousand family members and friends streaming in with picnic baskets in hand, all set for an evening of fun and enjoyment. Aptly themed 'Together Again', the event saw the field in front of the new Macky Senior School and Specialist Facilities turned into a picnic ground with every patch of turf filled.

The stage came to life as soon as the gates opened, welcoming families as they arrived and settled in. Our Boys' School and College bands took turns to entertain the crowd, much to the delight of proud parents who came forward to support and record their performances before heading back to their picnic spots. The rides were popular among the boys as they patiently waited in line for their turn. In between rounds at the fair ground, groups of boys took the opportunity to support their peers on stage.

The most popular activity of the evening was undoubtedly the wet sponge challenge. Teachers led by the ever-game Principal Mr Peter Cassie and Chaplain Reverend Reuben

Hardie stepped forward. Everyone there would agree that the teachers enjoyed the activity as much as the boys.

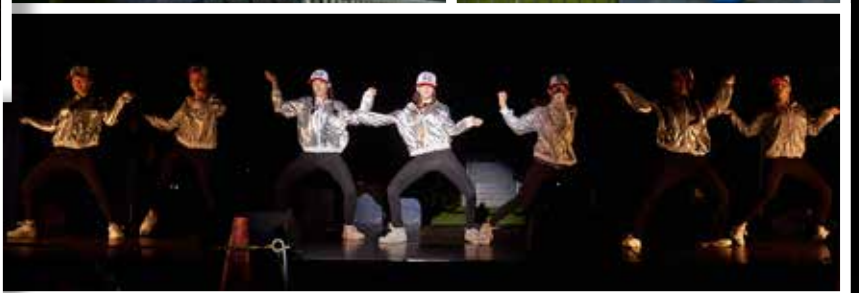
The event wouldn't be complete without the variety of food on offer. Families were treated to a feast with barbecue food, sushi, and Mr Whippy and flavoured shaved ice for dessert.

As the sky darkened, the Boys' School Pipes and Drums marched in to cue the start of the evening programme. Mr Cassie took the stage to thank the organising committee for their incredible work and all in attendance for their support.

The much-anticipated performance by the Muppets kicked off the evening's performance. Needless to say, the boys and their families were brimming with smiles and applause when they saw Mr Cassie, Deputy Principal Mr Grayson Aspinall and Reverend Hardie in the guise of Kermit the Frog, Fozzie Bear and Miss Piggy on stage. The College dance crew was next to perform before the cast from Grease made up of Boys' School and Girls' School teachers showed off their outstanding moves on the dance floor to the fun upbeat favourite of We Go Together. These performances paved the way for a beautiful display of fireworks that left everyone in awe.

Our sincere gratitude to the fireworks organising team, parents and staff for their incredible effort in delivering yet another fun-filled day and spectacular fireworks show.





Year 2 Boys Explored the Milky Way

On a blustering afternoon, the Year 2s from the Boys' School had a far more exciting lunchtime planned than rainy-day activities. Instead of being stuck indoors, 2KM and 2HH piled onto the bus and set off for the Stardome Observatory to enjoy an afternoon exploring the Milky Way.

On arrival, they were greeted by the Stardome's friendly education team, who led the children into the classroom for the first part of their visit. Throughout the classroom talk, the penny in their young minds began to drop as the boys realised how big the solar system is, the magnitude of our sun, and how small Earth really is. Then, they were let loose in the exhibition section of Stardome. Split into groups, they were given some challenging quiz questions and only twenty minutes to explore the artefacts and find answers. The black hole model captured the attention of many boys, who were captivated by how objects disappeared into nothingness.

The final section of the trip involved a stay in the planetarium. The domed ceiling room was littered with stars of the Milky Way, and the boys excitedly sank into comfy theatre seats ready for the show. As large eyes stared at the roof, it was as if they were looking at the night sky through a telescope. They journeyed through the galaxy, passing planets and constellations, learning to look at the night sky and identify them. Our boys have been learning about the solar system at school, and this trip brought textbooks to life in an immersive experience.



Year 3 Trip to Toi o Tāmaki, Auckland Art Gallery

"The purpose of a storyteller is not to tell you how to think, but to give you questions to think upon." – Brandon Sanderson.

In an exciting start to a new topic for the term, 'Me and my Brain', our Year 3 classes embarked on a morning trip to Toi o Tāmaki, Auckland Art Gallery. The trip was split into two learning opportunities, with one class touring the exhibitions and the other making art in the Taupuni Mahi Studio.

The hour spent in the gallery's exhibition spaces first explored a range of artworks by Gottfried Lindauer as a part of 'Seeing Sovereignty, Tino Rangatiratanga'. The Art Guide encouraged interaction with these paintings through the task of identifying key features that hinted at who the portraits depicted.

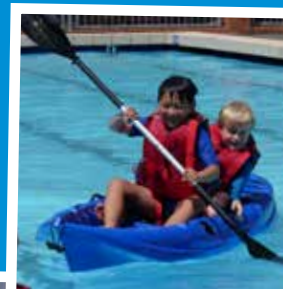
The group's creativity was really pushed in the second half of the trip as they enjoyed creating a piece of art as a class in the Taupuni Mahi Studio. To begin, the story of Sophia Hinerangi (Guide Sophia) was told. After hearing her story, the boys were split into groups, each with a significant part of the story to draw before they collectively created a mural.

The art of creative storytelling requires diving into the mind to pull out the gold within. This Auckland Art Gallery trip encouraged our Year 3 students to begin this journey, reflecting upon their own stories and how they can be captured within art and writing.

A Taste of Camp Life for Year 3

Though dark clouds hung over the Boys' School the morning of the Year 3 camp, the teachers gave the go-ahead and the boys arrived with camping gear in tow. The overnight stay at school is their first taste of a night away from home, sandwiched by two full days of activities.

From kayaking in the school pool and nature crafts to sports in the Jubilee Sports Centre, there was never a dull moment for the young campers. The excitement from the first day filled the Junior School common area where they had set up camp with whispers and cheeky giggles even after lights out. The boys will certainly be looking forward to their 2023 camp after the thrill of this one!

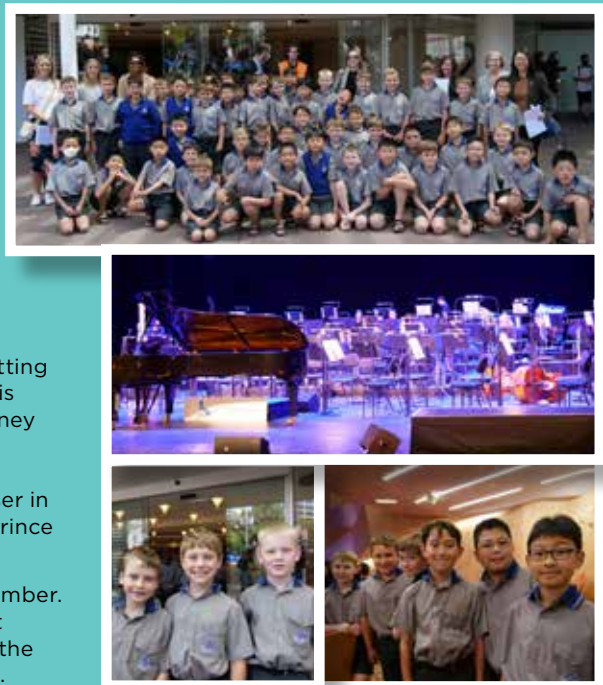


A 'Kiwi Kaper' to the Auckland Philharmonia Orchestra

The echo of chatter filling the Aotea Centre was hushed as the string section began to tune their instruments in preparation to wow an unusual crowd for an orchestra. Where an array of people would typically fill the seats to such a show, instead hundreds of bright-eyed young faces caught their gaze as the orchestra looked out.

To the delight of our students, the Auckland Philharmonia Orchestra has been putting on 'Kiwi Kapers' concerts for school-aged children across Auckland. For many, this will be their first live orchestral experience. The show took the audience on a journey through time with music from renowned classical maestro Mozart and romantic composers Rachmaninoff, Jacques Offenbach and Georges Bizet, to American composer Aaron Copland and finally, Klaus Badelt. He was the sole living composer in the line-up, best known for his collaboration with Hans Zimmer on the films The Prince of Egypt and Gladiator.

To experience the best musicians in the city at a live concert is a moment to remember. The boys continue to discover the timelessness of music and its ability to connect people regardless of age. Many of the boys play instruments themselves, making the trip the perfect opportunity to see where hours of practice in their room can lead.



Year 4 Day Trip to Tiritiri Matangi Island

The annual Year 4 trip to Tiritiri Matangi Island both supports the wildlife sanctuaries learning unit and reminds the boys of the Saint Kentigern alumni who assisted in the replanting of the island many years ago.

For the first time, we caught the ferry directly from the Viaduct Basin. Thankfully, only a couple of boys felt seasick during the eighty-minute journey through the Hauraki Gulf! On arrival, an education officer paired the groups with guides who led the boys on an hour-long trek through the bush, pointing out a huge variety of native and endemic birds.

Right after lunch the rain began, prompting the group to take a shortcut back down to the ferry. The path passed through some of the oldest bush on the island and allowed the boys to see penguins in their natural habitat along the waterfront.

Finally, the well-soaked group made it back to the wharf where we huddled under the sheltered area until we could board the boat. Despite the afternoon weather, it was another wonderful learning experience for the boys who didn't let the rain dampen their spirits.



Prepared for Anything

With our Year 8 boys off to the wilderness that is high school next year, we thought it was time they learned to fend for themselves in any scenario. Although their new environments will be closer to Physics or Calculus class, pair that learning with the survival skills they acquired over this two-day crash course and they'll be unstoppable in any arena.

Over the course of the two survival-activity days, the boys participated in SOS survival training, a first aid course, EPro8, and sports challenges.

The day at Muriwai held the boys in anticipation during the whole hour-long trip to the beach. On arrival, survival experts met them with several challenges up their sleeves. These included lighting fires with a flint, building natural shelters, knot-tying and sawing wood, all rather handy skills in any New Zealand bush caper. Much to the boys' delight, the last activity was a slingshot exercise. The satisfying crack and seeing the target hit right in the middle invited many mischievous grins.

Back at school, the other side of survival was explored with a first aid course looking at CPR and caring for wounds. Following their medical crash course, the boys completed an EPro8 challenge. Their task was to form a 1.5m fishing rod that included a fast, automatic reeling technique. The day was capped off with some sports activities including basketball and flipper ball. A special mention must go to Mr Jon Hammond for his winning shot, crowning 8LH the basketball-tutor class champions. After these two days, our graduates are walking into their next chapter confident and prepared.





Grandparents' Day at the Boys' School

Excited chatter replaced the usual activity in the Jubilee Sports Centre, generally filled with shrieks of laughter from PE class or the sounds of the orchestra rehearsing. Streams of grandparents congregated at Saint Kentigern Boys' School to enjoy a morning with their grandchildren.

While the boys settled in for the day, our special guests were greeted by Principal Mr Peter Cassie and some of the best musical acts from throughout the year. The assembly started with an address from Mr Cassie, which got everyone up for a game of 'Last Man Standing'. The game revealed that some of our boys' grandparents had travelled halfway across the world to be here, from Germany, Scotland and Texas; it was a great showing. The entertainment continued with pieces from the Jazz Band and the cast of the school's musical production Oliver!

The welcome concluded with a prayer from Chaplain Reverend Reuben Hardie and an announcement for the grandparents and children to meet on the upper sports field. As the special guests gathered on the field, they were met

with the familiar sound of the Pipes and Drums, followed by a haka performed by the Kapa Haka group.

As the families united, there were many tight squeezes and broad smiles. There is something so special about a grandparent-to-grandchild bond. As Mr Cassie cheekily pointed out, genes are known to skip generations, and perhaps that's why grandparents find grandchildren so likeable!

For the rest of the morning, the boys toured around the school, showing their grandparents where they learn, play, and no doubt where they get up to some mischief! Everyone sat for a delicious morning tea of biscuits, cakes, slices, and hot drinks courtesy of the Parents and Friends team and the boys' families who brought in baked goods to share.

To a child, love is spelt T-I-M-E. Grandparents' Day is a non-negotiable at the Boys' School, as we understand the importance and impact quality time with their loved ones can have. Thank you to all involved in the performances, the grandparents who travelled from near and far, the organisers of the delicious food, and Mr Peter Cassie, who continues to make family a priority at the school.





Two Wins for Saint Kentigern Boys' Mathex Teams

In a race against the clock, other schools, and the best brains in their year group, Mathex is always an exciting event for our fantastic mathematicians. Teams of Years 5 and 6 represented the Boys' School with four pupils per team. Over twenty groups from twelve schools in the area congregated at Saint Kentigern Boys' School Gymnasium where we hosted the competition. Our very own Mr Geoff Brown had the honour of MC'ing the night.

Our Year 5 team broke through their nerves and began the night with a stellar performance claiming first place. The Year 6 team followed suit, not to be outdone by their younger schoolmates and winning their year group. The competition requires the utmost concentration. Every second is counted, as teams are given only thirty minutes to answer twenty questions and race to 100 points. At the end of the evening, our teams had the winning combination of strategy, smarts, and calm to bring the trophies back to the Boys' School.



Boys' School Musical Extravaganza

No matter your background, language, or culture, there is nothing like music to bring us together at the end of a long year. In a kaleidoscope of sound, the Boys' School End of Year Musical Extravaganza celebrated the talent at our school, with each musical ensemble performing a taste of their year's work. The audience was even treated to a surprise performance from one very talented teacher!

Our Pipe Band welcomed the audience into the hall with the lilting notes of Barnyards of Delgaty, Bluebells of Scotland, and Corriechoillies' 43rd Welcome to the Northern Meeting and Teribus. It is so special to have young bagpipe players coming through the school, maintaining its heritage and adding extra flair to our formal ceremonies. The Pipe Band marched into the hall to join with the Boys' School Performers' Choir for the first time in a rendition of Highland Cathedral. Liam Jarvis opened with a piping solo, joined by Eason Liu on drums and Alex Hitch as solo vocalist bringing in the rousing verses from the choir.

A series of instrumental ensembles followed including the Jazz Combo, Boys' School Orchestra, Chamber Trio, the String Orchestra and Rock Band. All played dynamically and showed the diversity

of instruments and music styles being learned at the school. A highlight from this section was the conversation-like Be Still, Be Calm performed by the Chamber Trio of Liam Zhao, Andrew Xin and Cooper Liu. The two flautists responded to each other's parts as if they were friends in deep dialogue, drawing the audience into their discussion with incredible stage presence. On the other side of the coin, the Rock Band thoroughly entertained with Stevie Wonder's Superstition, guest featuring Mr Matthew Baker on saxophone.

Next followed a variety of acts including solo performances from Cooper Lui and Liam Zhao. They completed their Grade Eight exams in piano and flute respectively in 2022. The audience also enjoyed the Recorder Consort, Saxophone Ensemble, Saint Kentigern Performers' Choir, and experienced Jazz Band players.

The old classic Wellerman brought all the performers back on stage for a finale and even had the audience singing along. While we love sharing what the boys have learnt over the year, the heart of this evening is always to bring people together through music. A room full of people singing Wellerman together was a sight to behold and memory the boys will carry with them for years to come.





Cheerful Junior School Concert

Amidst the many end-of-year celebrations for our incredible Year 8 leavers, the youngest in our school were not about to be left out. The Junior School Concert is a highlight in our Boys' School Term 4 calendar with songs, dances, recitals and awards that were undoubtedly entertaining for all who attended.

With help from classmates Jack Stephens and Easton Zhu, Junior School Prefect Sachin Matheson hosted the concert and welcomed the parents and grandparents who had shown up for the occasion. The morning began with a karakia and beautifully sung waiata, E Te Ariki.

Beginning with 1AB, each Junior School class performed an item. We had Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, a dinosaur item, an intergalactic space item, and the entirety of Year 3 combined for their NZ Christmas song twist, A Pukeko in a Ponga Tree.

Many of the items were performed around units the children have done this past year, so seeing their classroom learning transformed into a creative piece was special.

To close, Junior School Dean, Miss Larnie Dalziel reflected on some of the highlights from the year. 2022 was packed with community, learning, and creativity, from the Fireworks Extravaganza to having the boys come and support the College 1st XV play King's College.

Miss Dalziel's two words for the boys to mull over during the break were 'curiosity' and 'appreciation', both of which are integral to the Christmas spirit and their everyday learning.

She said, "Curious boys learn to read, so they can then read to learn more about the important things around them. It is important that the boys are curious about the world around them, ask questions, and wonder why things happen.

"Equally important is showing appreciation and remembering to thank those who help them. A Saint Kentigern Boy is known for his excellent values, and I am sure our boys will take every opportunity to show people around them that they are appreciated".

A Record-Breaking Junior Swimming Sports

The usual events marking the end of the year are Christmas shows and leavers' traditions. Between all those, the Year 0 to 2 boys managed to squeeze in their annual Swimming Sports. Cancellations earlier in the year made the likelihood of holding the event in 2022 rather bleak. However, the back end of the year brought freedom from restrictions and fortunately for the boys an opportunity for sporting events to start back up.

Despite being so young, many of our students are confident in 25m freestyle and backstroke, showing great potential for the future in these competitive strokes. Year 1 student Kaleb Shek was a mega standout and broke the school record for 25m backstroke in a scorching 29.68 seconds.

For a bit of fun, we also held flutter-board races for backstroke and freestyle. The extra floatation gave many boys the confidence to shoot down to the finish, touching the wall with Cheshire-cat grins. There are certainly some future stars among these youngsters, and we look forward to watching them get stronger as the years continue.

HOUSE SWIMMING CHAMPIONS	
1ST	HAMILTON
2ND	CARGILL
3RD	CHALMERS
4TH	WISHART

Year 1	
25m Freestyle	
1st	Kaleb Shek
2nd	Finn Bowkett
3rd	Canaan Zha
25m Backstroke	
1st	Kaleb Shek
2nd	Canaan Zha
3rd	Cooper Cage-Brown
Year 2	
25m Freestyle	
1st	William Liu
2nd	Conrad Kirkham
3rd	Carter Lin
25m Backstroke	
1st	William Liu
2nd	Carter Lin
3rd	Conrad Kirkham





Hamilton wins Tug of War!

Teamwork was the theme of the day as Boys' School students gathered for the final House event of the year. The gymnasium came alive with the boys enthusiastically delivering House chants and cheering their team on.

Each House representative worked hard to make the finals for their year group in this knock-out-format competition. The Middle School students were first to compete, showing the Junior School boys how the game is played before making way for the Senior boys to wrap up the competition. Pressure was felt in some intense rounds of competition, with Hamilton finally declared the Tug of War Champion for 2022.

The surprise match between students and teachers at the end was equally fun and entertaining with a narrow win for the boys. What a great way to finish the year!

HOUSE TUG OF WAR

1ST	HAMILTON
2ND	CHALMERS
3RD	WISHART
4TH	CARGILL

Hamilton Crowned House Champion for Athletics

In a trio of athletics days, the Junior, Middle School and finally the Senior boys travelled to Lloyd Elsmore for their annual track and field events.

For the Year 0 to 3 budding athletes, the aim is to introduce them to the movements of competitive track and field, mixing in some fun events for a packed morning. Three events were competitive, meaning House points were up for grabs in the long jump, tennis ball throw, and 50m, 75m, or 100m sprint depending on the year group. The sack races, egg and spoon relays, and discus throw were just for fun, involving any parents who were up for a bit of competition.

From Years 4 to 8, the boys competed in a full schedule. All Olympic sprint distances from 100m to 800m were raced, including two throwing events: shot put and discus, and two jumping events: long jump and high jump.

Seeing the boys give everything a go with grit and determination was awesome. Thank you to all the parents who came to enjoy the sunshine and a healthy dose of competition with us! We also thank our Director of Sports Mr Duncan Grant and the PE Department for organising three smoothly run events, despite the gloomy weather on all three days.

Congratulations to Hamilton for taking out House Champion for 2022.

Athletics Day Results

Year 0

1st	Justin Zhao
2nd	Oscar Southam
3rd	Jackson Greenslade

Year 1

1st	Finn Bowkett
2nd	Cooper Burrows
3rd	Kristof Verissimo

Year 2

1st	Axl Yan
2nd	Jake Gilbert
3rd	Conrad Kirkham

Year 3

1st	James Bruford
2nd	Allen Liu
3rd =	Jack Stephens and Felix Newland

Year 4

1st	Edward Moon
2nd	Charlie Evans
3rd =	Blake Green and Jack Holy

Year 5

1st	Eric Xue
2nd	Austin Kirkham
3rd	Harry Walton

Year 6

1st	James Zhang
2nd	Alex Grant
3rd =	Eden Reynolds and Christian Tu'akoi

Year 7

1st	Zac Stanley
2nd	Severyn Yuschenko
3rd	Sam Nichols

Year 8

1st	Harrison Day
2nd	Ashton Kirke
3rd	Maselusi Usufono

HOUSE ATHLETIC CHAMPIONS

1ST	HAMILTON
2ND	CHALMERS
3RD	CARGILL
4TH	WISHART



A School For Girls, By Girls

2022 will be remembered as the year we moved into our new school premises on Shore Road.

A significant milestone in our Girls' School history as we settled into a new environment that was designed with girls' learning in mind.

Amidst changes that took place, what stood out most for me was the deep involvement of our girls and their families in shaping the school of our dreams and making it a home where they can develop, thrive and succeed for generations to come. Through it all, we stayed true to ourselves as a school for girls, albeit now housed in a more spacious, state-of-the-art, fit-for-purpose learning facility in an all-encompassing campus.

The way our girls have adapted seamlessly into this new environment is a testament to our aspirations. While we now navigate to Shore Road instead of Remuera Road, what we stand for and the way we behave and learn remains unchanged. The story I shared at Prizegiving of a Senior girl who was assisting me on gate duty one day helping to comfort a younger girl who arrived flustered, hair undone, lamenting about her ICAS exam, is a classic example of the nurturing culture that permeates throughout our school. With a big warm smile, this Year 8 girl briskly put the younger girl's hair in a ponytail while assuring her that everything will be alright. This precious big sister/little sister relationship is just one of many aspects that make our Girls' School special.

I have always been an advocate of single-gender primary education. Over the years, we have observed how our girls-only learning environment has increased student confidence and provided them a safe place to develop their own identities. Research from around the world further validates this, with strong evidence that girls-only education leads to higher academic achievement, higher self-esteem levels, greater participation in STEM, and enhanced career aspirations.

The 20 October 2022 issue of eBrief titled 'The facts about girls'

schools - what the research says' by the Alliance of Girls' Schools Australasia, of which Saint Kentigern Girls' School is a member, espoused how girls benefit significantly from a learning environment dedicated to girls. It states:

- In the absence of boys, teaching is tailored to girls' learning needs and preferences, and activities and academic opportunities are free of gender stereotyping, empowering girls to achieve their full potential.
- Internationally, as well as in Australia and New Zealand, the evidence is clear that girls in single-sex schools benefit and they benefit significantly from a learning environment dedicated to girls. And it's not just in terms of their academic achievement but also in their self-confidence and approach to challenges and leadership. Study after study has shown that girls from single-sex schools are more willing to take risks, ask questions, make mistakes, and be involved — skills that are advantageous for life success.
- This is no coincidence; girls' schools specialise in girls — tailoring every aspect of teaching and learning to girls, purposely developing their confidence and potential, and empowering them to pursue whichever direction their talents lead them.

This has and will continue to be our aspiration for our girls. We have been deliberate in keeping the essence of our Girls' School as we explore what else we can do to leverage on being part of a larger campus to further extend our girls' learning. This could be in the form of a more varied sports curriculum with specialist coaches and on-site facilities and fields, and new subjects such as Hard Materials as part of the Year 8 STEAM programme, with dedicated resources already available at our shared Specialist Facilities annex.

There is indeed a lot to look forward to in 2023 and beyond. Chief among these is how we can continue to use our new school environment in innovative ways, including the exploration of possible sustainability projects alongside our other schools on Shore Road. We will do this while focusing on offering our girls a world of opportunities in an environment where they can be confident, challenge themselves, and feel prepared for the diverse world ahead of them. I hope you are as excited as I am at the potential of this new year.

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Ms Juliet Small
Girls' School Principal



Farewell Class of 2022

"You will always be daughters of Kentigern and the values that have been instilled in you since you began at the school will hold you in good stead for the future. Everyone sitting here has a common bond. We are all part of Saint Kentigern and that connection will remain with us always!"

These were the words of wisdom shared by guest speaker and Old Collegian Ms Sharnika Leleni at the Year 8 girls' Graduation Dinner. Ms Leleni is Crown Prosecutor at Kayes Fletcher Walker (as of February 2023), among the many other hats that she wears. Her 2022 message echoed the words of Girls' School Principal Ms Juliet Small in her speech delivered by Deputy Principal Ms Jill Wahlstrom, in which she reminded the girls they are well prepared for the challenges ahead. They can move forward with confidence and enthusiasm to make the most out of the opportunities that await them, and to be the best they can possibly be.

The Graduation Dinner was a beautiful gathering to reflect on the time our girls have spent at the Girls' School as they ready themselves for the next chapter in their education. We are grateful to be able to bring together students, parents, staff, Trust Board members and invited guests at Sorrento in the Park to celebrate the girls' accomplishments.

Ms Wahlstrom warmly welcomed the guests to dinner before President of the Old Collegians Association Mr Hayden Butler, College Head Girl Xing Xing Lawrence and Ms Leleni shared their messages with the girls.

While congratulating the girls, Mr Butler urged them to continue to strive for excellence in all that they do. He welcomed each of the graduating students to the association

and encouraged them to stay in touch with one another. College Head Girl Xing Xing spoke to the girls about going all out in pursuit of dreams and encouraged them to seek help and engage those they look up to for guidance.

Throughout the evening, the Year 8 girls took every opportunity to mix, mingle, and ask for signatures from friends and teachers for their blue-and-white graduation bears. Following dinner, the girls came forward as their names were called to receive their leavers' scarf to mark the end of their primary school years at the Girls' School. After receiving their gifts, they gathered to watch a slideshow of time spent at the school, including photos dating back to their first day.

Ms Leleni summed it up well when she said, "A new chapter in your life is now beginning and you are about to step outside of your comfort zone and make your mark on a new phase of life's journey. I know that you are probably filled with mixed emotions. Extremely sad that you are no longer a day-to-day part of Saint Kentigern Girls' School but also excited at what lies ahead, including lifelong friends that you haven't met yet and adventures that you cannot even imagine!"

It was a wonderful evening filled with plenty of hugs, smiles, and some tears, as the girls, their families, and staff enjoyed each other's company while reflecting on fond memories.





Girls' School Prizegiving: Celebrating Outstanding Achievements

At the very last Girls' School event of the year, our Girls' School community congregated to recognise and congratulate outstanding individuals who have gone above and beyond in achieving academic, sporting and cultural success during the year.

In his opening address, Trust Board Chair Mr Mark Conelly asked each girl to reflect on a memorable moment for them during the year and urged them to celebrate all that they have achieved.

Deans from the Junior School, Middle School and Senior Schools then came on stage to acknowledge our top academic achievers with member of the Saint Kentigern Trust Board Mrs Kim McGregor, Executive Trustee Dr Kevin Morris and Chaplain Reverend Reuben Hardie taking turns to present the awards.

In her speech, Principal Ms Juliet Small referred to 2022 as a millstone year with the school's move to Shore Road. She said that the new school which was built with girls' learning in mind would be a catalyst for them to thrive, develop, and succeed. Ms Small added, "Our school is a place

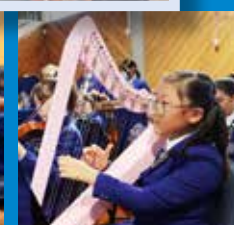
where our girls feel empowered and have a deep sense of connectedness. You girls have made our new school 'home'. I am inspired every time I walk around and see the different ways you are using the learning spaces."

The presentation of awards continued for students who performed exceptionally well in performing arts and sports, and then finally the much-awaited Special Awards, which included service awards and the top three DUX, Proxime Accessit and Sportswoman of the Year awards.

During the ceremony, the formalities were interspersed by musical items from the school orchestra and a powerful speech presentation from Chloe Kim-Johnson on the topic of Diversity.

To conclude, graduating Head Girl, Brooke Rowntree delivered a heartfelt thanks to the school before handing over the mantle of leadership to the 2023 Head Girl, Amelia Hardie.

Congratulations to all the girls who received awards and to our 2023 Prefect Team



DUX

Alina Chen

Alina Chen possesses many fine attributes, including a confident growth mindset and a genuine love of learning.

She has a positive approach and takes pride in all she does, and this quiet determination, resilience, along with the ability to be a critical thinker, has seen her consistently produce and complete work, to excellent standards across all subjects.

Her strength and passion is in writing and she thoroughly enjoys the complexity associated with creative writing.

She has enjoyed all the academic challenges of Year 8 and she now looks forward to the challenges that Year 9 will bring.



Proxime Accessit

Carys Ely

Carys Ely joined the Saint Kentigern community as a Year 7 student.

She is an independent and a conscientious student with an enquiring mind and a thirst for knowledge. In her own word, Carys said, "I love the feeling of accomplishment when I am challenged or have successfully solved a problem. I know I will eventually master it." This attitude has seen her produce some outstanding results.

She excels and has shown much success in English, Science, and the Arts. Her diligent attitude and love of learning saw her eagerly involved in the Kids Lit competition this year.



Sportswoman of the Year

Morgan Day

Year 7 Morgan Day has proven to be an outstanding athlete. Her work ethic, mindset and perseverance has resulted in amazing results. As a competitive Racewalker, she has achieved many accolades including the NZ Road Racewalk National Champion for U14 Girls 2000m, Auckland Road Racewalk Championship record holder for U14 Girls 2000m, Auckland Athletics U14 Racewalk champion and record holder for 2000m, Auckland Champion and record holder for 11 year old 1200m and Auckland Residents record for 11 year old Girls 1200m.

Morgan has also competed in a variety of track and field events at the North Island and South Island Colgate Athletics Games in January while representing her Pakuranga club. At the South Island Games, she came 3rd in the 11 year old Girls 800m race, 3rd in the medley relay team and 2nd in the mixed medley relay. At the North and South Island games, she came 1st in the 1200m racewalk. She also competed in the Auckland Athletics Championship placing 2nd in the 3000m race.

At school, Morgan actively competed in many sporting codes including Cross Country, Athletics, Football and Touch Rugby, and was part of the Aims Games, with placings in many interzone events.

She was also awarded the Footballer of the Year.





Budding Entrepreneurs at the Girls' School

On what could have been any other Monday, the sweet scent of candyfloss floated down the Social Stairs to the Girls' School students, beckoning them upstairs for a peek. They had been warned it was Senior Market Day, but we would be surprised if they weren't astonished by the sight that met them.

The senior floor of the new Girls' School had been transformed from the normal hive of learning activity to a Christmas wonderland market. The variety of stalls was outstanding! From hand-crafted bookmarks and bracelets to succulent pots, raffles and games, there was something for every girl to enjoy. One group had even converted the changing rooms into Santa's Village where students could enjoy an interactive play.

The girls, starting with the youngest in the school, were given a tour of the stalls before being let loose with their purses jangling as they rushed to their favourite little shops. Many were lured away from their initial destinations by some rather convincing Senior students putting their sales skills to good use.

As students from all year levels rushed around purchasing yummy treats, there was a sense of Christmas joy around the floor. Teachers got in on the fun, too, snagging some sweets to munch on the rest of the day. A huge hit was the candyfloss machine which had a long line of customers waiting for their fix. No doubt they would have been full of beans returning to their afternoon classes after a healthy dose of sugar!

All in all, it was a highly successful event. Among all the fun and games, there was some valuable learning for our Senior students. In Social Studies throughout the term, they have been hard at work learning about running a successful business. For some, this will be their first exposure to brand creation, marketing, sales and budgeting, all of which are valuable skills for their future careers. We are amazed at the quality of products developed in such a short period, and we look forward to next year to see what new creative ideas come out.

Tuakana Out to Make a Difference

Created in 2021, 'Change Makers' was a project aimed at brainstorming ideas to make the move to the Shore Road campus not just a relocation, but a culture shift for the better. The learning was inspired by young impactful women like Greta Thunberg, who continues to make her mark on the world.

In groups, all the senior girls contributed solutions to current challenges faced at the school and changes they envisaged upon relocating to the new campus. The best solution was decided by a student vote, and the girls worked together to set the winning idea into motion. Initially meant as a first aid patrol around the playground for those injured, a peer mediation group was born.

Coined Tuakana, meaning 'big sister', the goal is to offer company and support to students during lunch breaks. Although qualified first aid treatment may be more of a nurse's role, diffusing misunderstanding, mitigating stressful lunchtime situations and finding a teacher to help is well within the capabilities of our senior students.

So, after two years of conceptualising the idea, the girls who are part of Tuakana are excited to finally put on their purple vests and get out and about during lunchtime to help their little sisters. Funds from Senior Market Day were used to purchase and label the purple coats ensuring all students can seek help when required.

We are incredibly proud of our senior girls for taking the initiative. As an optional student-led initiative, girls who are involved met and worked in their own time under the supervision of Dean of the Senior School Ms Bernadette Haerewa.

Our team of Tuakana is there to lend a helping hand, so feel free to reach out when in need.





Legend or Reality? Middle School Discovers Treasure in the Ruins

Our Middle School teachers worked hard to build a Term 4 integrated unit around discovering the secrets of ancient civilisations to round out the year. Beginning with a trip to Auckland Museum's Ancient Greeks exhibition and finishing with a chariot race, the students supplemented their classroom learning with exciting practical exercises, discovering treasures within the ruins along the way.

The two-part museum experience first involved a tour of the exhibitions filled with quirky and unusual objects, artefacts, and art. The students browsed with the question, "What did life look like for them?" on their minds. The hands-on part of the visit involved a trip to the learning lab. The girls continued to build on the knowledge from the exhibitions as they exercised their budding historian alter egos. Here, they were given broken pieces of pottery, like what they might find in an archaeological dig, and were tasked with piecing the pots back together. The second activity challenged them

to retell a Greek myth to their group, emphasising the familiar characters seen in many stories.

In the classroom, every discipline is linked to studying ancient civilisations. With the museum trip fresh in their minds, the girls learned to read and write myths during English. In Social Science, they developed their inner archaeologist, using artefacts to infer about the daily life and religion of the time. Mathematics involved looking at integers to record earth's time using BC and AD.

A highlight for all was the design-time integration. The girls created their own chariots and catapults using limited materials for a race at the end of the term. The learning focused on creating feasible, working wheels that enabled their chariots to race quickly. As they rolled down the makeshift runway a few at a time, friends hollered and waved, egging their favourite creation on to the finish. We're guessing you'd be hard-pressed to find a group more enthusiastic about ancient studies anywhere in Auckland!



Exploring the Unknown: Year 4 Overnight Stay at Kelly Tarlton's

Did you know that over 80 percent of the ocean has never been explored or seen by humans? In the deep unknown, there is so much to discover, map, and understand.

As adults, we are challenged to wrap our heads around the sheer enormity of the ocean and what lives inside. As children, the ocean invites us to use our imagination to think about what lies in the deep. In an exciting trip to Kelly Tarlton's Aquarium, our Year 4 girls were invited on an overnight stay to learn what is known and to imagine what is beyond.

The night started with a talk by our host about Antarctica before a tour of a replica of Scott's Hut. The tour then continued through the Shark Tunnel, Fish Gallery, Penguin Exhibit, and Seahorse Kingdom. Sharks circled overhead while colourful fish fluttered alongside them. The variety of creatures was a highlight for many of the girls. The girls were fortunate enough to feed some of the fish before snuggling into their sleeping bags for the night. When their parents arrived the next morning, they met satisfied and slightly sleepy girls ready to rest.





Girls vs Wild at Tāwharanui

Though the title may convince some that our students went off-grid Bear-Grylls-style for a day, Girls vs Wild is known to our Girls' School community as a camp for all Year 8 Silver Service Award winners. We wanted the girls who have exemplified service throughout the year to have a lot of fun while serving the community.

A nice and early morning trip to Tāwharanui Regional Park had the winners buzzing with anticipation. Day one consisted of a service activity and surfing lesson, much to the girls' delight. While half of the group were kitted out in salty wetsuits riding all the waves they could in an hour, the other half chatted with a Tāwharanui Open Sanctuary Society volunteer. Together they helped to fill in the sand ladders to prevent the lowering of dunes and the development of

blowouts. After completing both activities, the girls headed to the campsite with a few wrong turns before finally arriving at Sullivan's Bay.

That night, a MasterChef competition for dinner took place. Our girls tested their culinary prowess with relatively limited camping resources before settling in for a good night's sleep. The last service activity was completed alongside the rangers at Mahurangi Regional Park, helping them transport mulch and shovel gravel to protect the plants growing in the area. On arrival back at Shore Road, some tired but satisfied girls were met by their parents. It is always such a memorable experience, and we hope the up-and-coming Year 8 students continue the legacy of service the Girls' School holds in esteem.

Year 8 Campers Take Great Barrier Island

After a rocky boat ride, the Year 8 girls stepped onto the shoreline of Great Barrier Island for their camp with a little mal de débarquement and a lot of excitement. The anticipation built on the journey transitioned to giant grins and wide eyes as the beach went from horizon to reality. Their slice of paradise awaited them.

During the camp, the girls were busy rock climbing, abseiling, kayaking, competing in various sports, and the highlight: spotting beautiful dolphins on the shores of Karaka Bay. Another school shared our campsite, and of course, a friendly competition emerged with Saint Kentigern coming out on top 'as always', jests Alina Chen (8W).

The last two days involved a tramp and camp where the Year 8 girls hiked up a mountain to spend the night. No doubt the girls gobbled up their burrito dinners and porridge breakfasts after all that walking! Following this short expedition, they returned home on a much smoother journey than their arrival. With new friendships created and memories of a lifetime tucked away, our Year 8 students hit the sack sleepy and satisfied.



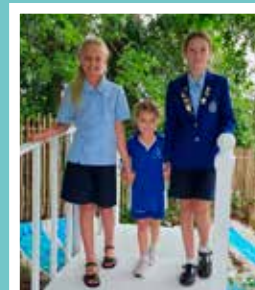
P&F Friendship Bridge Unveiled

With the move to the new Girls' School in mind, our Parents and Friends wanted to create something at the new campus that continued a legacy. Together, they came up with the idea to build the girls a Friendship Bridge at our new Shore Road Campus, replacing the Friendship Tree at our old Remuera Campus. Using proceeds from the auction at the school's 10-year celebration, our Parents and Friends set the plan in motion in 2020.

In late November last year, the long-awaited unveiling of the bridge took place. It was a beautiful, intimate ceremony with Parents and Friends representatives Mrs Sacha Palmer and Mrs Caroline Leighton cutting the ribbon to make it official.

The bridge symbolises the crossing over of our past girls from the Remuera Road campus to the foundation girls of our current Shore Road campus. It's a beautiful bridge to walk over, inviting girls to remember the past while at the same time being excited about their future. We also intend it as a place for our girls to frequent to find new friends when they feel alone or lost. Every foundation student has her name engraved on a stone for a personal touch. These were placed under the bridge, creating a river of friends from the past.

All enjoyed cupcakes as the girls excitedly found their names in the river stones. Thank you to our incredible Parents and Friends for your thoughtfulness in creating a legacy.





Grandparents' Day at the Girls' School

For many of us, it can be easy to look back on our school days and appreciate the simplicity of those years. However, as young children, it's easy to miss privilege until hindsight kicks in. Grandparents are a privilege and having ones that love and spend time with us is even more deserving of appreciation. Grandparents' Day is one of our treasured traditions at the Girls' School to celebrate this special bond. The 28th of October, marked the first of many gatherings at the new school building, comfortably hosting our delightful guests.

As grandparents and granddaughters streamed into the Jubilee Sports Centre, hushed murmurs and eager eyes darted around the room trying to spot their loved ones. All settled into their seats for the assembly, where they enjoyed performances by the Kapa Haka and Theatresports groups as well as the Girls' School Choir. Principal Juliet Small shared a beautiful sentiment reflecting on her own Nana. She shared photographs from her mid-twenties and attested to Nana's constant love and impact on her life.

The assembly closed with a blessing by Chaplain Reverend Reuben Hardie, and anticipation lifted as the girls readied themselves to spend the rest of the morning with their grandparents. The

guests enjoyed a delicious morning tea spread organised by the Girls' School Parents and Friends. The staffroom and Social Stairs were flooded with young and old alike, soaking in the quality time that is often hard to come by. Some of our girls were fortunate enough to have two sets of grandparents attend the day, who shared reflections on their schooling in comparison to their granddaughter's.

Following the delectable treats, the girls showed their grandparents around the beautiful new classrooms they had decorated and spent many hours learning in this year. They have taken such pride in their learning, which was evident to all as they excitedly pulled over artwork and writing they had crafted over the last few terms. The smiles on their grandparents' faces reflected the privilege of being involved in even a tiny part of the girls' learning journeys.

As a school, we would like to thank all the grandparents and loved ones who came to spend time with the girls. We also thank the organisers, staff, and Parents and Friends who took the time to plan and create a welcoming environment for all. These days are always a highlight in our calendar, and we look forward to seeing some familiar faces back next year.





The Joy of the Lord

There is something magical about Christmas time. For some, it's the anticipation of a huge family reunion; for others, it's the prospect of slowing down from work and enjoying the end of the year. At Saint Kentigern Girls' School, we rejoice in the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. His life, death, and resurrection give us joy and hope for the future. This message of joy resounded throughout the beautiful carol service our staff and girls put together for family and friends to enjoy.

As guests walked into the grand Holy Trinity Cathedral, they were greeted with light streaming in from the stained-glass windows and a glittering 'Joy' sign that lit the stage. It was joy that was the theme of the service, pertinent for this year, with much to be grateful and excited for over this lockdown-free holiday season.

Throughout the evening, the Highland Belles, Vox Box, rock bands and Kapa Haka performed Christmas carols and blessings over the guests. Between these, the congregation joined in for some timeless tunes including Joy to the World, O Come All Ye Faithful and Away in a Manger. Woven within the music, the story of Christmas was retold by students from every year level and re-enactments by the Junior girls. The cutest shepherds and wise men you ever saw brought the story to life and joy to the audience watching.

Guests were addressed by several speakers throughout the service, including our 2022 Deputy Head Girl Chloe Ira, 2022 Head Girl Brooke Rowntree and 2022 Mother of the Head Girl Mrs Jo Rowntree. This reading was particularly special as it showcased family as one of the reasons we love Christmas so much. Chaplain Reverend Reuben Hardie shared his thoughts around joy and reminded all who attended that the joy of the Lord is our strength. That same joy so many experience during Christmas can be ours year-round. With that, he jumped behind the drum kit to lead everyone in singing a mashup of Joy to the World and The Joy of the Lord is my Strength.

It is incredible that 2,000 years on, services are held worldwide to celebrate the saviour of the world. The girls worked hard practising with their music groups, choirs, and classmates to put on a service worthy of the cause.





Girls' School Musicale Showcase

Variety is the spice of life. The Saint Kentigern Girls' Musicale Showcase was certainly flavourful, with a taste of all the incredible music groups that performed throughout the year. Our girls have been hard at work perfecting their craft, and for the first time in a few years they had an opportunity to perform for a live audience.

Hosted by the enigmatic trio of Mr Seamus Ford, Mrs Anji Toy and Mr Isaac Williams, the audience was treated to a wide variety of music from centuries ago through to last year's hits. The Kapa Haka group opened the night with a pōwhiri and three waiata: E te Hokowhitu a Tū, Rona, and Te Inoi.

Following the light harmonies and flowing melodies of the Kapa Haka group, the orchestra performed two pieces. With girls of all abilities, it was incredible to see Bologne's Symphony in G Major performed by the group – a famous work usually performed by professional orchestras.

The crowd was then treated to three very different Rock Band performances, bringing a youthful sound back to the evening. Our incredible vocal performers creatively reimagined old classics and new hits. From Another One Bites the Dust by Queen and There She Goes by Sixpence None the Richer to All I Want by Olivia Rodrigo, each number had toes tapping and heads bopping along. The Vox Box

choir featuring our youngest singers closed the first half with a beautiful rendition of Pink's Cover Me in Sunshine.

The audience had a chance to stretch their legs before returning for the second half which began with the Chamber Ensemble. The five-woman group played Brahms's Hungarian Dance and Mozart's Rondo from Eine kleine Nachtmusik. Both were done with class and skill, not being easy pieces to master.

A few more Rock Band performances followed the Chamber Ensemble with their renditions of Backyard Boy by Claire Rosinkranz, Stitches by Shawn Mendes and cult classic Teenage Dirtbag by Wheatus. The ukulele group continued the fun with Where is the Love by the Black Eyed Peas, featuring a unique touch with several soloists singing and rapping along to the ukulele accompaniment.

Finally, the Highland Belles, our Girls' School's auditioned choir, sang All is Found and Whakaaria Mai with beautiful harmonies and a surprise violin interlude performed by ear. Mrs Jill Wahlstrom closed the night by thanking each student for their hard work, the teachers for their dedication, and the parents for their constant support. These shows are a combination of many hands work and we are grateful for everyone who contributed to the success of this night.



Girls' School Excels in the Interschool Theatresports Showdown

Since 2016, the Saint Kentigern Girls' School has competed in the annual Interschool Theatresports competition against the College Middle School Theatresports teams. Theatresports is the amalgamation of drama and a sports competition, with teams playing time-limited games requiring them to think fast and outside the box.

The morning started with an hour of workshoping, where all SKG and SKC Theatresports students played various games and sharpened their skills. The six best teams were selected to compete against each other playing two games of their choice for the coveted garden gnome trophy.

The win came down to one last game of 'Death in a Minute' played by the three top teams. They were each given a scenario where least one character had to plausibly die within the minute. In the end, The Dramatic FOUR-ce took the gnome, killing off several of their characters with a bookshelf come to life in a Hawaiian library.

The winners certainly have an exciting future in drama. We hope to see them at the College Drama Club and Theatresports next year.



Youngest Girls Make a Big Splash!

A cancellation in Term 1 turned out only to be a postponement as the Years 0-3 Girls' Swimming Sports was finally fitted into the end-of-year calendar! Unlike the regular championship and non-championship races we usually run, due to the unusual circumstances this year, we did not make the event compulsory for all the girls. Instead, we had a great turnout of students who voluntarily chose to race, and a group of cheerleading classmates brought the atmosphere to the event.

For Years 0 to 3, we run a 25m freestyle race and a 25m backstroke race. Each of the girls competed in year-group heats before the top few raced in the final for placings. We were incredibly impressed that at such a young age, so many girls had the confidence to swim a whole lap of two different strokes by themselves. Not only that, some with impeccable technique and speed.

There are always top performers, and we congratulate the following girls this year for leading their age groups.



Year 1	
25m Freestyle	
1st	Sophia Gunn
2nd	Holly Blackie
3rd	Karen Tang
25m Backstroke	
1st	Sophia Gunn
2nd	Karen Tang
3rd	Holly Blackie
Year 2	
25m Freestyle	
1st	Olivia Boyd
2nd	Adeline Scott
3rd	Charlotte Hedges
25m Backstroke	
1st	Olivia Boyd
2nd	Adeline Scott
3rd	Janessa Xie
Year 3	
25m Freestyle	
1st	Evie Reynolds
2nd	Charlotte Dobson
3rd	Hilary Shek
25m Backstroke	
1st	Charlotte Dobson
2nd	Elsa Chang
3rd	Evie Reynolds



Photo Finish! Girls' School Athletics Day

With the green, red, yellow, and blue House flags waving and the sun shining over the College grounds, a slew of excited students hasten to drop their bags and begin Athletics Day for another year. Athletics Day is always memorable, with each girl representing her House with pride racing, throwing, and jumping to put points on the board. This year, we held two separate days: one for the Junior School and one for Years 4 to 8.

The junior athletics, held at the Girls' School, involved some rather competitive sprints, two throwing events: push pass and quoit, and long jump. Being the first year at the new Girls' School, the juniors took full advantage of the new facilities.

Bang! The 100m sprints kicked off the middle and senior athletics. As the first girls dashed towards the finish line, classmates hollered and cheered from the sidelines, carrying their friends right to the end. Parents and caregivers watched intently for their children and provided water, snacks, and encouragement from the sidelines.

The other events began soon after, with events running simultaneously and each year group on rotation. Every individual competed in a competitive or non-competitive category, encouraging all to have a go and earn points for their House. The events included the throws discus and shot put, the 100m and 200m dash, and the optional 400m and 800m races for those who like a long distance.

From youngest to oldest, the huge smiles of delight as the girls soared through the air into the sandpit or managed a successful throw, was indicative of a very successful 2022 athletics season.

HOUSE CHAMPIONS	
1ST	HAMILTON
2ND	WISHART
3RD	CARGILL
4TH	CHALMERS

	1st	2nd	3rd
Year 0	Muqi Dai CA	Chanel Verissimo WI	Abhiruvee Gunasekera CH
Year 1	Victoria Kirwan CH	Cynthia Yang CA	Karen Tang HA
Year 2	Adeline Scott HA	Charlotte Hedges CA	Alice Swan HA
Year 3	Evie Reynolds CH	Ashley Wang HA	= Victoria Huang CA = Charlotte Dobson WI
Year 4	Charlotte McGuinness CA	Isla Ryan CA	Emily Baker HA
Year 5	Olivia Moule WI	Juliet Dryden CH	Olivia Gibbons WI
Year 6	Rebecca Liu CA	=Eve van Aalst CH =Amber Man WI	
Year 7	Eden Moyle HA	Sessilis Tu'akalau HA	Morgan Day CH
Year 8	Adi Siliasau HA	Zoe Dobson CA	Tayla Kay HA



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Building on a Strong Foundation

What a great privilege it is to have been appointed as Principal of Saint Kentigern College and I have been so impressed and welcomed by the school community.

My family and I have enjoyed our first Kiwi summer together, exploring Auckland and the North Island and spending Christmas at my parents' home on the East Coast. In the time since I last lived in New Zealand, much has changed but much has remained the same, and we have all enjoyed the rituals of summer including late-afternoon swims, batches of homemade Kiwi dip and the beauty of the many bays and beaches in this wonderful part of the world.

As I embark upon my principalship, I am greeted with a tangible sense of great pride and aspiration in the College and this is a responsibility that is equally humbling and motivating. As Principal of the College, I share the custodianship of the school's heritage as well as the future it will shape. Important to this responsibility are the outcomes that we as a College community aspire to, which are framed by a deep knowledge of who we are, our purpose, and how this purpose makes us resilient to the needs of today and tomorrow.

Saint Kentigern College should be an environment where any student can choose to be who they wish to be – scholar, artist, performer, social activist, leader, athlete, kind and compassionate friend, whilst being a faith- and values-driven citizen. These are opportunities that Saint Kentigern values deeply. This aspiration will make the world a better place and our young people valuable contributors to its future.

The strength of independent schooling is the engagement of all stakeholders in the life of the school. The interaction of students, parents, alumni, and staff of Saint Kentigern needs to be our defining strength. A key learning from the Covid years is that not only is learning a relational process, but schools are also community hubs. To this end I am excited to harness and build the quality of relationships and experiences of all community members that we are fortunate to have access at Saint Kentigern.

Perhaps like many of you, I have followed with interest the discussions around the recent release of the AI tool ChatGPT which has cast a sharp light on the role of schools in educating young people. ChatGPT applies machine learning algorithms to a massive corpus of text

to respond to user requests using language that sounds surprisingly human-like. A school's role in a knowledge economy, now even more accelerated through tools such as ChatGPT, is to ensure teaching for understanding is the focus of a child's education. ChatGPT provides another opportunity for us to prepare our young people to become creative and critical thinkers whose future contributions to society are grounded in good citizenship and humanity. As a College we must be bold to not only prepare students for the future but also provide them the autonomy to be active citizens in their school. ChatGPT is one of the many disruptive technologies that we will see, and have seen, in our lifetimes. Its release brings with it welcome conversations about the purpose and focus of schools and learning.

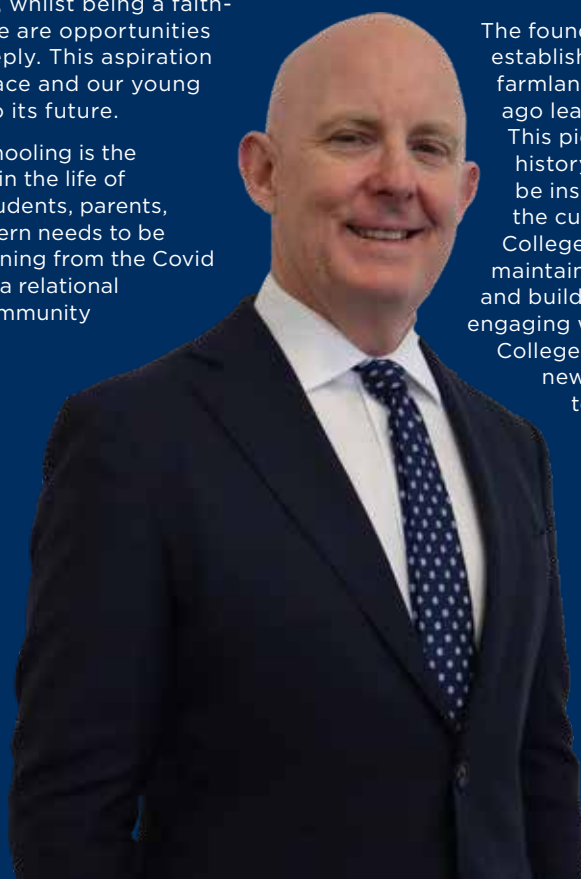
Enabling us to face forward and flourish into disruption and change is an awareness of our whakapapa, our story and identity. Whakapapa encapsulates where we come from and what we are doing right now, and forms the future we will navigate together. This describes us all as part of an unbreakable chain of people that stretches from our ancestors to our future, and is a powerful image to guide us through 2023 and beyond.

The founders who had the foresight to lobby and establish our Presbyterian school on sweeping farmlands at Pakuranga some seventy years ago leave in their DNA the spirit of pioneers. This pioneership has lived through the history of the school and is one we should be inspired by and aligned to. Indeed, as the current stewards and custodians of the College, our responsibility is not to simply maintain the status quo but rather to grow and build it. I am very much looking forward to engaging with all members of our Saint Kentigern College community as we embark upon this new chapter in the College's history together, buoyed by the progressive thinking of our past and our collective desire for engaged parent and alumni communities, active student citizenship, personalised learning, and modern educational design.

Our ancestors would have it no other way.

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Mr Damon Emtage
College Principal





Graduating Class of 2022

In the last few months of the year at the College, there are several occasions for us to farewell our Year 13 students and celebrate all they have achieved. The final event of these was the Graduation Chapel Service and dinner where students gathered with their loved ones for one last time in a familiar and much-loved environment.

The College Pipers gracefully marked the start of the celebration as guests filed into Elliott Hall, which was packed to the brim on both floors. Year 12 Catalina Addis sang a beautiful rendition of When We Were Young before College Chaplain Reverend David Smith delivered his message for our graduating students. There is always more than one lesson to learn. He particularly encouraged our Year 13 students to reflect as they start a new chapter in their lives, saying, "To you, the class of 2022, can I exhort you to go for it, to give it heaps, to be people of humility, to keep learning, to believe in yourselves, to be people with a gratitude attitude and to take with you all that Saint Kentigern has offered you".

Following the Graduation Chapel Service, Year 13 students made their way to the stage to receive their graduation diplomas from Executive Trustee Dr Kevin Morris. It is a poignant moment as our students walk forward to receive their certificates, with their parents and families looking on with great pride.

At the end of the service, guests were piped to the Jubilee Sports Centre for a celebratory dinner. Gym 2 was transformed into an elegantly decked dining hall. Our MCs for the evening 2022 Deputy Head Girl Arwyn Stevens

and Deputy Head Boy Luka Ljubisavljevic were on hand to welcome everyone.

In their final joint address as the 2022 College Head Boy and Head Girl, Archie Manning and Xing Xing Lawrence commended the cohort for making it past what had been another rollercoaster year. Archie said, "Throughout our time at the College, we have made countless memories and learnt endless lessons. From the sports field, in classrooms or on stage, we have gained experience and confidence to not let individuals or circumstances diminish or derail our quest for excellence, spirit for adventure or our compassion for people around us. Saint Kentigern has taught us this and so many more life lessons which will lead us well in our journey through life".

Xing Xing echoed this message. "Saint Kentigern has given us so much. We are extremely grateful for the exceptional support and guidance we have received from the teaching staff. We are fortunate to have had such amazing role models. As we journey far and wide all around the world after this, we will forever carry with us the Saint Kentigern values which have been deeply ingrained in us."

In closing, Reverend Smith delivered an address on behalf of Acting College Principal Mr Duncan McQueen, congratulating the Year 13 students for all they had achieved and encouraging them to continue to serve and lead with distinction as sons and daughters of Kentigern in their journey ahead.





Farewell Year 13

There are many 'lasts' for our Year 13s in their final year at the College, starting with a series of House events in the first half of the year and culminating with prizegiving ceremonies and the final exam in Term 4. In early December 2022, our Year 13 cohort came together to celebrate their learning journey at Saint Kentigern, a place that has been home to them for many years.

The event began with the President of the Saint Kentigern Old Collegian Association (SKOCA) Mr Hayden Butler greeting and welcoming our Year 13 students to the ranks of the Old Collegians. The Pipes and Drums played the students out from the Chapel to attend a farewell brunch, pausing first on the field for the annual tradition of forming a giant numeral 2022 with their bodies to mark their graduation year.

They gathered for one last time with their tutor groups to receive their graduation memorabilia: Old Collegian ties for the boys and tartan scarves for the girls, and a personalised 'Class of 2022' hoodie.

We wish our Year 13 students all the very best for their future endeavours.





Year 12 College Graduation

The first of many graduation ceremonies in Term 4 of 2022 began with the celebration of our Year 12 students. Some have accepted scholarships to universities overseas while others have taken up apprenticeships, all with a bright future ahead of them.

In an intimate ceremony with close family and friends, the atmosphere in the chapel was one of immense pride. The bagpipes led students into the ceremony before Acting Principal Mr Duncan McQueen addressed the group. His heartfelt reflection on their years at Saint Kentigern College reminded them all how far they had come since beginning in Year 7 or 9.

It was special to have the heads of each House give each student an individual sentiment, including messages from tutors who have walked their high-school years alongside them. However, the afternoon wasn't all formal and ceremonial. To the parents' delight, a slide of each student's first school photo at the College and their most recent one provided the perfect blast from the past. It cemented the growth each of them has gone through over the years to

become the confident young adults they are now. A strong message of personal development resounded in each of the messages, with the teachers acknowledging the grit, determination, and improvement each has displayed through various areas of student life.

After the ceremony, the students and their families gathered in the library to enjoy some delicious refreshments for afternoon tea, take photos, and reflect on the many memories made together. As life will steam full speed ahead very soon for each of these graduates, it was a privilege to pause, take pride in the hard work done, and get excited about the future.

Congratulations to our Year 12 leavers: Sophia Connell, Grace Gilbert, William Walsh, Diana Lister, Ashwyn Keshvara, Benjamin Stewart, Jack Owen, Alexander Prior, Kade Andrews, Hannah Urghart, Enrico Bird, Emily Clark and Thomas Waters. You are forever sons and daughters of Kentigern, and we look forward to seeing what you accomplish in the coming years.



Impressive 2022 International Baccalaureate Results

Following the release of the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma examination results in January, we are pleased to share that 38% of our 2022 IB cohort achieved outstanding results of forty points and above.

These students will be recognised at the Top Scholars awards ceremony in Christchurch, which acknowledges students from across New Zealand who scored at least forty points from a maximum of forty-five points in their final examination. This feat was achieved by only 106 students in the November exams and represents the top ten percent of IB students worldwide, based on historical data.

Of the twenty-one students who scored forty points and above, Yixiong Hao and Ethan Fung recorded a phenomenal forty-four points each. Read more about these incredible students in the article 'You Set the Pace' on page 57.

In 2022, the largest cohort in the College's history took the IB exam, with all fifty-five students passing and therefore maintaining our 100% pass rate. Their overall diploma score was 37 points, comparing favourably with the world average of 30.91.

Our College's continuous focus on academic excellence, coupled with students' commitment to the highest academic standards, has resulted in another solid set of results.

Please join us in congratulating our 2022 IB cohort on their outstanding achievement. We wish them well as they begin their tertiary studies both in New Zealand and abroad.



Yixiong Hao Ethan Fung Blake Bain Jesse Wang Thomas Clark Jason Jiang Isabel Li Christine Ning



Amy Pebble David Ryder Emma Pignenburg Marion Mah Aileen Du Harry Chen Katie Dirks Jennifer Guo



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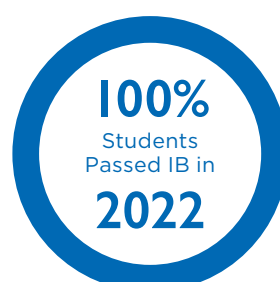
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Jesse Wang	43
Thomas Clark	43
Jason Jiang	42
Isabel Li	42
Christine Ning	42
Amy Prebble	42
David Ryder	41
Emma Pignenburg	41
Marion Mah	41
Aileen Du	41
Harry Chen	40
Katie Dirks	40
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Ben White	40

International Baccalaureate Examination Results 2022

Top Scholars

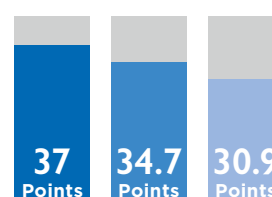
38%
of the total
2022 IB cohort
achieved 40 points
and above, out of the
maximum of 45 points

IB Pass Rate



Compared to 82% Internationally
and 95% in New Zealand.

Average Candidate Point (out of a possible 45 points)



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Academic Success for our NCEA Students

We are pleased to deliver equally brilliant NCEA results in 2022. Excluding the 'unexpected event' grades in 2021, the 2022 results were among the strongest to date, including our highest Level 1 and Level 3 Excellence Endorsement rates. Our university entrance success rate for NCEA was 92.21%.

A key success indicator is our level of certificate attainments and endorsements that has consistently surpassed the national average. This means we have a substantial number of students with results high enough to be awarded the prestigious Saint Kentigern Academic Colours and Honours, a testament to student success at the highest level.

Our preliminary results, barring completion of final recounts and remarks, are as follows:

NCEA Level 1

At Level 1 (Year 11), 98.35% of our students gained their NCEA Level 1 certificate. 42.3% earned their certificates with a Merit Endorsement, and an outstanding 45.38% received an Excellence Endorsement.

NCEA Level 2

98.97% of our Level 2 (Year 12) students gained their NCEA Level 2 certificate. Of this, 46.53% achieved Merit Endorsement, while 30.21% attained Excellence Endorsement.

NCEA Level 3

Finally, 96.31% of our leavers gained their NCEA Level 3 (Year 13) certificate. 42.13% gained a Merit Endorsement, while 29.36% received an Excellence Endorsement.

Top Accolades for our College Scholars

Our College students continued to deliver strong results with 30 gaining a total of 49 Scholarship Awards including 5 Outstanding Awards across a range of subjects in the 2022 NZQA Scholarship examinations.

Students who sit the NZQA Scholarship examinations are assessed on their ability to demonstrate high-level critical thinking. The exam is designed to extend the very best students and is regarded as the most prestigious secondary school award in the country, offering financial rewards for those going on to full time tertiary education in New Zealand.

Our Year 12 students performed exceptionally well in 2022 with a combined total of 27 scholarships. Sean Wang who was in Year 12 when he took the examinations achieved 5 Scholarships including two Outstanding Scholarships. Sean is one of only 51 students across New Zealand to be recognised for the Outstanding Scholar Award. A year before, as a Year 11 student in 2021, Sean gained a total of 5 Scholarships Awards in English, Calculus, Chemistry, Economics and Physics.

We would also like to acknowledge two additional students for their outstanding achievement; Chris Ye (Year 12 in 2022) who received 5 Scholarships in Agriculture and Horticulture, Biology, Economics, English and Statistics, and Nicholas McKinlay (Year 11 in 2022), who continued to excel in Calculus, gaining a perfect score this time, making him the top student in the subject nationwide and winning the Top Subject Scholar Award. A year before in 2021, Nicholas also achieved an Outstanding Scholarship in Calculus.

Please join us in congratulating these students on their success.



Sean Wang



Nicholas McKinlay



Chris Ye

NZQA Scholarship subjects	Scholarship Award	Outstanding Scholarship Award
English	Avik Mehta (Year 12), Chris Ye (Year 12), Duo Ye (Year 12), Gala Hitchcock (Year 12), Leticia Liang (Year 12), Liam Marks (Year 12), Lucia Tang (Year 12), Rianna Samant (Year 12), Sean Wang (Year 12), Amy Prebble (Year 13)	Ethan Liu (Year 12)
Calculus	Ethan Liu (Year 12), Sean Wang (Year 12), Christine Ning (Year 13), Ethan Fung (Year 13)	Nicholas McKinlay (Year 11)
Physics	Nicholas McKinlay (Year 11), Caleb Corban (Year 13), Lachlan West (Year 13), Timothy Shires (Year 13)	Sean Wang (Year 12)
Economics	Chris Ye (Year 12)	Sean Wang (Year 12)
Health & Physical Education	Leticia Liang (Year 12)	Avik Mehta (Year 12)
Statistics	Nicholas McKinlay (Year 11), Chris Ye (Year 12), Arwyn Stevens (Year 13), Jack Buckingham (Year 13), Link Pickering (Year 13)	
Biology	Avik Mehta (Year 12), Chris Ye (Year 12)	
Chinese	Leticia Liang (Year 12), XiaoYa Ye (Year 12)	
Design and Visual Communications	Archie Manning (Year 13), Li JinYao (Year 13)	
Geography	XiaoYa Ye (Year 12), Irene Wang (Year 13)	
History	Ethan Liu (Year 12), Jack Mackenzie (Year 13)	
Music	Li Ziqi (Year 11), Amy Prebble (Year 13)	
Agriculture and Horticulture	Chris Ye (Year 12)	
Chemistry	Sean Wang (Year 12)	
Drama	Justin Gao (Year 12)	
Japanese	Amy Prebble (Year 13)	
Latin	Alan Chen (Year 10)	
Photography	Yasmin Bhadha (Year 13)	
Technology	Alistair Campbell (Year 13)	

* Year Level in 2022



College Senior Prizegiving 2022

Amidst the sports accolades, arts and cultural celebrations and extracurricular activities, we know the foundation of a great school is classroom learning. Our mission has always been to provide an education that inspires students to strive for excellence. Our College Senior Prizegiving sheds light on our students' grit, determination, and success in the classroom.

The formal evening began with the Saint Kentigern Pipes and Drums welcoming guests as they arrived, followed by a karanga, the national anthem, and the Prayer of Saint Kentigern led by the 2022 Deputy Head Girl Arwyn Stevens.

Education is a privilege, and we are incredibly grateful to live in a country where we prioritise this. Acting Principal Mr Duncan McQueen echoed gratitude in his address, reflecting on his 24 years at the College, seeing the thread of academic excellence throughout. Weaved between awards were musical items from the College Band and reflections from 2022 Head Boy Archie Manning and Head Girl Xing Xing Lawrence.

So many of our students received outstanding results in 2022. We would like to highlight the 2022 top academic achievers:

Top Academic Student in Year 11

The P.G. Hadfield Prize for First in Year 12 NCEA

The P.G. Hadfield Prize for First in Year 12 IB

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The Parents Association Award to the NCEA Dux Medallist

The Parents Association Award to the IB Dux Medallist

James White

Mackenzie Alley

Sean Wang

Arwyn Stevens

Jack Buckingham

Yixiong Hao

Thank you to our Year 13 students for your excellence in leadership, setting a high standard for years to come. We also acknowledge our staff, for upholding an incredible culture for the College.

The ceremony closed with the Saint Kentigern Pipes and Drums beating the retreat and the flag lowered to signify the end of the year for our seniors, continuing the tradition from the earliest days of the College.



IB Dux Yixiong Hao

Yixiong is a gifted academic who pairs his incredible natural ability to think critically with perseverance, resulting in an almost perfect score of forty-four in his IB examinations. Alongside his studies in 2022, he was a student mentor, peer tutor, and member of the robotics club and environmental council. Over his four years at Saint Kentigern, he was also involved in the premier golf team, table tennis, and the academic council. Though he is still waiting on some offers from universities in the US and UK, to date he has received offers from both the University of Sydney and University of New South Wales, the latter of which granted him Australia's Global University Award and ten thousand dollars. With his mind set on pursuing engineering, we wish Yixiong well wherever he chooses to settle.



Top Academic Student in Year 11
James White



The P.G. Hadfield Prize for First in Year 12 NCEA
Mackenzie Alley



NCEA Dux Jack Buckingham

Jack has proven himself to be both a scholar and entrepreneur, boding well for his future study in commerce at the University of Canterbury. In 2022, he achieved an Excellence Endorsement in NCEA Level 3, continuing his efforts of Excellence Endorsement in Levels 1 and 2. He also achieved Excellence in four subjects including Statistics, Physics, Business, and English, and achieved an NZQA Scholarship for Statistics. Aside from his academic accolades, throughout his time at Saint Kentigern College, Jack was involved in many extracurricular activities. He completed his Duke of Edinburgh gold medal, was a house prefect for Stark, a peer tutor, a member of the first XI football team, and had a successful run in the Young Enterprise Scheme winning a national excellence award for innovation runner-up in 2022. We look forward to seeing his future entrepreneurial pursuits.



The P.G. Hadfield Prize for First in Year 12 IB
Sean Wang



Proxime Accessit Arwyn Stevens

Arwyn completely immersed herself in every area of Saint Kentigern College. As our 2022 Deputy Head Girl, she demonstrated her ability to lead with excellence. She also completed her Duke of Edinburgh gold medal, participated and coached the premier theatresports team, was a member of the ball council, took part in the New Zealand Economics Competition, and played netball. To go alongside her Excellence endorsements in NCEA Level 1 and Level 2, she received another for Level 3, achieving Excellence in all of her subjects: English, Statistics, Drama, Economics, and Japanese. In 2021, she received an NZQA scholarship for Drama and achieved an NZQA Scholarship for Statistics in 2022. We wish Arwyn all the best as she goes on to study global studies and arts at the University of Auckland this year.





College Middle School Prizegiving 2022

On the final day of the College year, family and invited guests gathered at the Sports Centre with our Year 7 – 10 students to celebrate their academic, sporting, and performing arts successes at the Middle School Prizegiving.

The official party of Trust Board members, College leaders, and teaching staff were called in with a Karanga, followed by the College Symphonic Band and soloist Amelia Evangelidakis, accompanying the National Anthem.

Acting College Principal Mr McQueen, who delivered his address via video conference, acknowledged the importance of partnership between the College and the community. He said, "All students, staff and parents have showed strength, resilience and adaptability. The Saint Kentigern values have shone through – frequently topped off with optimism, gratitude and good humour. Students we honour today illustrate that great success is possible when a person is motivated, works hard and strives for excellence. We congratulate them on their success."

In recognition of excellence, effort, diligence and achievement, top students in each year group then came forward to collect their prizes from Trust Board Chair Mr Mark Conelly, Deputy Principal of Middle College Mr Carl

Lidstone and Deputy Principal of Senior College Mrs Angee Robertson. This was followed by the presentation of Special Awards and Top Academic Awards which was presented by Executive Trustee Dr Kevin Morris.

Special trophies were awarded to Amelia Evangelidakis for the 'All Round' girl and Luka Patumaka (Luka) Makata as the 'All Round' boy for demonstrating dedication and commitment to excellence in all aspects of College life.

In his address Mr Conelly congratulated all students, those who received awards for their achievements and to others for doing their best and making most of what Saint Kentigern had to offer in 2022. He also took the opportunity to recognise the significant contribution of Mr McQueen in his role as Acting Principal over the last 18 months. Mr Conelly added, "We have been blessed with people who care deeply about Saint Kentigern. We are grateful to go into 2023 with a strong leadership and cohort of teachers, and an amazing group of community and students."

At the conclusion of the formalities, the College Pipes and Drums finished the year, keeping with the tradition of 'Beating the Retreat' from the bridge as the official party departed the ceremony.

Congratulations to all our award winners. Here are some of the top award recipients:

Special Awards

The Menzies Cup for Citizenship (Year 7 & 8)
The Cameron Prize for Citizenship (Year 9)
The Cameron Prize for Citizenship (Year 10)
Middle School Prose (Year 9 & 10)
Middle School Poetry (Year 9 & 10)
The Birch Cup for Year 10 Girl showing All Round Ability
The J.E.H Kururangi Cup for the Year 10 Boy showing All Around Ability
Junior Speech Award

Mischa McLister
 Leofe Usufono
 Nora Caffery
 Helene Stooft
 Yixin (Ada) Hu
 Amelia Evangelidakis
 Luka Patumaka (Luka) Makata
 Nora Caffery

Top Academic Awards

Top Academic Student in Year 7
Top Academic Student in Year 8
Top Academic Student in Year 9
Top Academic Student in Year 10

Hao Tian (Peter) Hu
 Xuan (Nathan) Wang
 Remi Geron
 Jae Hoon (Joseph) Kim





Year 10 Market Day at the College

As the bell went for lunch, a flurry of students rushed down from their classes to the two locations of Year 10 Market Day at the College. Pockets jingled with the coins they planned to spend buying yummy treats and other trinkets. The array of choices on display was almost too much to choose from. Everything from photo booths to ice cream floats and raffles was up for grabs. There were over 70 stalls made up of 285 students in the 10EST classes.

Through their Enterprise Studies classes in Term 4, the Year 10 students devised a plan to make a profit by running a small business at the annual Market Day. College students were let loose on the stalls for a limited amount of time, encouraging those running a stall to put their marketing skills to the test. Through the experience, students put what they have learned about successful teamwork, interviewing, resource allocation, budgeting, prototyping, market research, branding, setting prices and sales skills to practical use.

Not only does the Market Day teach students about running a business, it incorporates a key Saint Kentigern pillar of service. Learning that one element of business is tax, students set aside 30 percent of their profit for food boxes for 'The Shed'. The Shed is a programme that prepares and distributes food boxes weekly to families in need around Auckland.

We are passionate about equipping our students with the tools to run businesses in the future, as we have seen many Old Collegians succeed over the years. We also want to encourage the spirit of giving back to the community, continuing the cycle of service to others that Saint Kentigern is known for. The Year 10 Market Day is always exciting for all students, whether buying or selling from the incredible stalls available.





Take a Bow: Celebrating the Arts

In a year littered with cancelled productions, outdoor events, restrictions and backup plans, students, parents, and staff alike looked back upon the arts in 2022 and found much to be proud of.

As 2022 accelerated towards Christmas, the annual Celebrating the Arts evening at the College encouraged those involved in Performing Arts to pause, reflect, and take pride in the incredible events produced throughout the year.

With dimmed lights in Elliot Hall, elegantly dressed tables themed to different events from the year illuminated the room just enough to show the excitement on the attendees' faces. One table donned golden Oscar-like statues representing The Kents Film Festival from Term 3. Another group sat in an explosion of colour with beautiful flowers and fabrics from the Cultural Festival. As an arts celebration, creativity was to be expected. However, individual flare also shone through the décor as each table had been decorated by a member of the Arts Council, theming it to an event that best represented them.

The audience hushed as the ceremony started with the familiar song of the Saint Kentigern Pipes and Drums. Immediately following, the guests were welcomed by Ms Sara Stranding, who expressed her gratitude to students, staff, and parents who tirelessly worked to make the most of a year that started unpredictably. Arts Prefects Melody Lui-Webster and Tague Bradley followed, summarising all the standout achievements and setting the stage for the acts and awards to follow.

The audience was treated to performances between each set of awards. A smooth jazz performance by the Big Band, a Year 13 Mamma Mia dance medley, a traditional Samoan song and dance, a chaotic version of Cinderella by Theatresports

that had the audience rolling with laughter, and Cell Block Tango by Broadway Bites were all part of the entertainment. Delicious food boxes for each guest were filled with sweet and savoury treats to keep hungry bellies filled through the night.

The celebrations continued after intermission, as did the performances. The night's second half included lots of drama, from a monologue from Shakespeare's Macbeth to the Year 12 Drama performance using the small example of pockets in clothes as cultural commentary. A particular highlight was the beautiful Kentoris choir, who performed a stunning piece with a solo flautist. Act after act continued to prove the high calibre and diverse array of arts the College is involved in.

Colours were presented towards the end of the night. These awards were for students who have shown dedication to a particular area of the arts for a minimum of two years. The night's final two awards were the Middle School Performing Artist of the Year and the Senior School Overall Performing Artist of the Year. These were won by Amelia Evangelidakis and Arts Prefect Melody Lui-Webster respectively. Each have shown passion, love, and dedication to various groups.

With a slew of successful arts events in 2022 including heavy hitters the Dance Showcase, Broadway Bites, Wearable Arts, Playseries, and the Cultural Festival, we now look to next year. To perfectly round out the evening, the 2023 Arts Prefects Josh Evangelidakis and Mackenzie Alley were announced. They have much to live up to after the impressive showing of this Celebrating the Arts evening.







Middle School Takeover in College Music Centre

A packed Music Centre, indicated by the row of peering eyes over the railings of the upstairs overflow, turned out for the College Middle School Music Showcase. Instead of simply an orchestral performance or a rock band takeover, the audience was treated to a smorgasbord of items from all our music groups.

As guests took their seats, they were greeted by a full orchestra ready to welcome them with the rich sounds of composers Frank Erickson and Alex Lithgow. The Symphonic Band headed by Mr Matt Baker and Mr Tom Chester opened the night, filling the Music Centre with colour and vibrancy.

In true Saint Kentigern fashion, the 2nd Pipe Band followed the orchestral performance with their familiar rhythmic sounds. It is an ode to our Scottish heritage that we have two full pipe bands as most schools scrape to pull together one. We proudly continue to support tradition as music evolves with the times.

Switching gears from the instrumental music, our Kentatonix Choir sang a beautiful adaptation of I Sing Because I'm Happy. They were followed by the Stage Band, an ensemble

of saxes, brass, bass and keys which played two smooth pieces that no doubt would've had hips swinging if it were a standing show! The String Ensemble followed with a triad of tunes from The Carnival of the Animals by Saint-Saens. The sound quality in their performance was certainly indicative of hours of practice at home and school.

The final performance of the first half was by the Junior Jazz Combo, made up of some of the best brass players in the Middle School. Directed by Mr Albert Lee, they played two pieces before the five-minute interval.

The night's second half left everything pre-nineteenth century in the dust as five of our rock bands took over the stage to jam to their favourites. From Sk8er Boi by Avril Lavigne to Call Me by Blondie, the showcase turned rock 'n' roll concert went full headbanger.

We are so proud of our student's hard work in a year where it was uncertain any live performances would happen! We look forward to seeing your familiar faces at music events in 2022 as we continue to go from strength to strength as a Middle School music programme.





Year 7 Grandparents Day

Warm smiles, delicious baking, and hugs so tight you can barely breathe are just a few reasons we love our grandparents. For those fortunate enough to know their grandparents, a visit to them means full bellies or possibly a bellyache from laughter by the end. However, it's not often they get a front-row seat to the busyness of a student's life. For one day of the year, our Year 7s are encouraged to invite their grandparent figures to school for a full schedule of Saint Kentigern fun.

After being welcomed with a delicious morning tea, students and grandparents attended a small ceremony in the Chapel. College Chaplain Reverend David Smith shared a sentiment on the wisdom that comes with age before pairs and trios of student-grandparent combos flooded outside on a beautiful sunny day. The boys and girls spent the first part of their morning touring the school, showing off the new additions to the College. As they strolled around, there was a consistent chatter buzzing throughout the grounds, with grandparents sharing stories of their time at school. Some grandparents threw a few cheeky ones in there of times rules may have been bent, 'always for a good cause'!

At the end of the tour, students brought their grandparents back to their home rooms for a 'show and tell' of sorts. Each class prepared performances, talks, and media for a highlight reel of the year. Some classes had incredible musicians perform a piece, others had their science-fair-winning students explain their experiments. The goal was to give a little taste of all the different kinds of learning they immersed themselves in throughout the year.

When it was finally time for the grandparents to leave, the smiles on our students' faces spoke louder than words. There is nothing like quality time with our grandparents. Enjoying their company and wisdom is a privilege and joy. We look forward to next year with anticipation to meet a whole new set of our students' grandparents.





Memories for a Lifetime: Bruce House Annual Dinner 2022

On a night that never ends without a few tears, the annual Bruce House dinner for the class of 2022 was no different. The high school experience for the boarders at Bruce House is filled with trials and joys that differ slightly from their day-school peers. However, if the friendships on display, laughter shared over good food, and tearful remembrance of the years spent at Saint Kentigern College are anything to go by, it is safe to say Bruce House is an experience well worth it.

2022 Bruce House Head Boy Kiyaan Manukonga and his fellow boarders opened the night with a haka before all in attendance sat down to a delicious roast meal by the incredible house cooks. After bellies were filled, the room sat to enjoy entertaining speeches, acknowledgement of Year 13 leavers, and awards for high achievers throughout the year. Director of Boarding Mr Martin Piaggi began the night by thanking those who have contributed significantly to the Year 13 students' time in Bruce House.

Mrs Bridget Anitelea was next to address the dining hall, giving a heartfelt speech that marked her 20th anniversary at Saint Kentigern College. Like the leavers, she reflected on all the people who impacted her time at the school.

Kiyaan and 2022 Bruce House Head Girl, Sophie Fieldman, prepared a video of the years' highlights which had people in fits of laughter. Between hours of House Music practice to Clash of the Villas and food box packing, there wasn't a dull moment!

Every year, awards are given to those who have excelled in various aspects of boarding and school life. Congratulations to all the winners for their effort and excellence.

MacFarlan Cup for Head Boy:

Kiyaan Manukonga

MacFarlan Cup for Head Girl:

Sophie Fieldman

Morgan Cup for Year 11 Academic Achievement:

Terri Sim

McGuinness Cup for Year 13 Academic Honours:

Harry Chen

Bruce House Cup for Top All-round Boy:

Rafael Tapusoa

Norma Cowie Cup for Top All-round Girl:

Katherine Cao

Marcroft Cup for Bruce House Sportsman of the Year:

Xavi Taele

The last item of the evening was the announcement of the 2023 prefects. We look forward to seeing the mark our new Bruce House Head Boy Zae Mangu, Head Girl Jacque Masamba Hunter, with deputies Hwi Chang, Becca Clements, and Oliver Jewell will make in 2023.

Well done to all the Year 13 leavers. You have left Bruce House better than you found it, a legacy that we know will be continued in the coming years.



You Set the Pace – Our IB Journey

Our top-performing IB scholars Ethan Fung and Yixiong Hao scored 44 out of 45 in their recent examinations. This incredible score is well deserving of the whirlwind of congratulations that have flooded their way. Receiving their final scores is a milestone event to be celebrated, yet only they truly understand what it took to get there. Ethan has been at Saint Kentigern since intermediate, with this achievement being the culmination of seven years of intentional habit-building. Yixiong joined the College a little later in Year 10. Together, they have sharpened iron as they studied together, challenged each other, and came out on top as partners.

Every Year 11 has a choice at the end of the year: IB or NCEA? After completing NCEA level one, IB is an unknown quantity, often said to be challenging. So why choose it? As it turns out, both Ethan and Yixiong love running. Hypothetically.

The treadmills are often slightly daunting pieces of equipment at the gym. That little black conveyor belt is relentless, not slowing unless the user pulls the red tab. The thing with treadmills, however, is that those little up-and-down arrows don't adjust themselves. Perhaps that is why when asked to describe their journey with IB, Ethan and Yixiong chose this analogy. Without the user deciding how steep to climb or how fast to run, it'll plod along at a constant pace, reaching the end no matter your speed.

They both had similar reasoning for choosing IB. They weren't sure where they wanted to go after graduation and knew IB would open international opportunities should they decide to pursue it. In hindsight, it was the perfect move, and between them they wait to hear back on applications to colleges in the UK and USA. Future focused, they saw an opportunity, set the treadmill to max speed, and sprinted.

Motivation during the two-year sprint came from teachers, family, and peers who supported their projects and study



Ethan Fung

Yixiong Hao

and provided words of encouragement. Both enthused about their extended essays-turned-passion-projects while reflecting on their IB experience. Ethan investigated rising egg prices, a sore topic for many Kiwi shoppers. Meanwhile, Yixiong got stuck into the physics of the golf club-ball impact, choosing to write on the elastic mechanics of his favourite sport. Both found the relationships with their mentor teachers, Mr Edmund Aldiss and Mr Hamish Wilde respectively, invaluable. They attribute much of their success to the constant support shown by these teachers as well as Ms Suzie Tornquist, coined 'IB mum' by the students.

The future is bright, and they don't hint at slowing down. After his studies, Yixiong's pipe dream is to start his own tech company, combining his love for robotics with some more practical skills he hopes to learn during his engineering degree. Ethan also has his own business in mind, leaning into his interest in green technology. Both will continue to set lofty goals and run just as hard. Keep a look-out in Silicon Valley for these two; give them five years and they'll be away.





A Thank You: 20 Years at Saint Kentigern College

It is a privilege for Saint Kentigern College to celebrate numerous teachers becoming family in a culture that prides itself on togetherness. This year we celebrated four staff members for their long service.

Mrs Bridget Anitelea is currently the well-loved Head of Girls' Boarding at Bruce House. Commencing as Head of the History Department in 2002, Bridget has dedicated these past twenty years to ensuring those entrusted to her care feel a part of the College family. She now has her family living onsite and they too are part of the Bruce House community.

Mrs Amanda Raea. In the last twenty years, Amanda has been a passionate and respected teacher of Social Studies, Geography, Travel and Tourism and is currently the new Head of Pasifika at the College. During her time at the school, Amanda has been sustained by her Christian faith, the

support of her colleagues and the close relationships that she has built with so many of her students.

Mr Richard Tucker started in 2002 as the only counsellor in what was a boys-only College at the time. Much has changed from then to now. The many memories that hold sentimental value, be it school camp shenanigans to his own wedding on site, where he was married by Chaplain Reverend Smith, are what make the school so special to him.

Mrs Catherine May was originally only meant to stay three weeks as a reliever. One year later she was named a Curriculum Leader in Science. In 2009, Catherine became Head of Year 8 and later the Head of Department STEM Science. As she reflected on her years at the College, she was grateful for being challenged as both a person and a professional, giving the advice to "always be flexible and an opportunist".



Amanda Raea



Bridget Anitelea



Catherine May



Richard Tucker





Building for the Future

The prime real estate along the banks of the Tāmaki River has left the College with an opportunity like no other school in New Zealand: a world-class rowing programme on its back doorstep. With relative success in the past and a worldwide pandemic putting a pin in momentum, Director of Rowing Chris Goudie has a new vision for a post-pandemic rowing legacy.

Two large sheds right beside the dock house the school's rowing facility. On any given morning, you'll find students completing weight training, rowing on the erg machines, or preparing to take a boat out for a spin. In the weekends, especially during this first term of 2023, the boats are packed up and taken down to Lake Karapiro for one of the many

regattas before the Maadi Cup Nationals. The team has had their "best ever Christmas regatta," according to Chris Goudie, with twenty crews making A-finals and five making B-finals. These results position Saint Kentigern as one of the best co-ed programmes in the North Island. The team will continue to go from strength to strength with state-of-the-art facilities, a prime location, and incredible staff at their disposal.

The recent hires in the coaching staff are the golden ticket to a new era of Saint Kentigern rowing. They each bring their skill, expertise, and international experience to our students, who have often never rowed before.

Head Coach: Lewis Green

Currently in his third season at the College, Lewis spent one season as a junior athlete coach before stepping up to lead the rowing programme. He balances his time between his two passions: coaching and medicinal chemistry research for his PhD. He is passionate about producing well-rounded people, not just athletes. Seeing the friendships and life skills develop in his rowers is rewarding, and he is grateful to be a part of their journey.



Coach: Zoe Mills

Zoe Mills is the newest coach to join the rowing team for the 2022/23 season. Rowing is in her DNA – her mother was the first Olympic rowing medallist for New Zealand, and her father coached the sport. As such, Zoe was encouraged to get into the boat at a young age, trying a single scull for the first time at ten years old. She capped her high-school career with a Maadi Cup bronze medal and since then has been working towards a PhD in neuroscience. She is excited about the prospects of Saint Kentigern rowing and hopes to add to the incredible team and culture that already exists.



Coach: Carl Vincent

Carl is our resident rowing expert. Having walked the path of rowing on the world stage, he understands the highs and lows of high-performance sport. A well-rounded career thus far has taken him from high-school Springbok Shield winner to the Commonwealth Games. He then seamlessly transitioned from athlete to coach, with his team winning the men's novice eight title at the NZ Club Championships. His priority now is investing in upcoming generations, helping them gain success in sports and other aspects of life.



Cox Coach: Sam Bosworth

Sam has joined the rowing programme as a mentor/coach for the club coxswains. Originally from Waipara in north Canterbury, he developed his love for rowing at Christ's College in Christchurch before moving to Cambridge in late 2016 to train at the national rowing centre. His decorated career with numerous medals to his credit was topped off by coxing the New Zealand men's eight to victory at the Tokyo Olympics. He brings this wealth of experience and coxing knowledge to our programme, where no doubt our coxswains will benefit greatly from his guidance and mentoring.



It is an exciting time to be a part of Saint Kentigern rowing, and we encourage new students who are curious to give novice year a go!



Field Centre 2022

After the disappointment of cancelling Field Centre in 2021 due to the Covid-19 pandemic, it was fantastic that the 2022 edition could go ahead with no restrictions!

Missing a year meant some momentum was lost, so getting the cogs turning to organise this behemoth event took a lot of effort from the planning team, but we got there in the end. In total we had almost four-hundred Year 10 students attend (approximately two hundred each week) with eighty staff involved. Everyone was accommodated in nine ski lodges on Mount Ruapehu over the two weeks.

The programme was relatively the same as the last edition with the students completing a three-day expedition either in the Tongariro National Park or the Kaimanawa Forest Park, doing the Tongariro Crossing, white-water rafting and environmental service, and an adventure day either rock climbing and abseiling, caving, or a Tyrolean traverse.

Field Centre is a jam-packed fortnight of adventurous activities aimed to challenge the students as well as help them form new connections and an appreciation of the surrounding environment. Horrendous weather in the first week threw everything at us, including high winds, heavy rain, thunder and lightning and even fifteen centimetres of snow overnight which closed the Bruce Road, meaning we were not able to do much except have a huge snowball fight one day. Despite that, the programme still ran to plan, except for groups not being able to complete the Tongariro Crossing

that first week. Our students showed great resilience and remained in good spirits throughout this challenging week. The second week proved the total opposite with amazing weather and the programme running smoothly.

Field Centre would not happen if we didn't have keen, competent, and supportive staff to help the students on their journey – so I want to thank all eighty staff and volunteers who gave it their all and ensured the students an amazing experience that they will remember for a long time. A huge thanks goes to two remarkable ladies: Mrs Jo Horgan who is our food chief and organised the catering for almost five hundred people over two weeks – a massive task, with the students rating the meals 4.2 out of five, and Mrs. Leigh Meek who did a lot of behind-the-scenes administration and supported me throughout the year.

Our Saint Kentigern community can be very proud of our Year 10 students for demonstrating our values of Respect, Integrity, Service, Excellence, and Love whilst 'down at the mountain'. They showed respect for each other and the surrounding environment, integrity by following through on challenges set, completed service for the environment by weeding around thousands of native trees, showed





excellence by doing their best, and did all this with a kind and caring attitude.

From the student survey, 91% of students said they made closer connections with their lodge group and staff involved, 77% said they gained more appreciation for the environment, and 85% gave Field Centre a four or five out of five for overall satisfaction.

Following are some quotes from our students:

"This was an incredible experience and I am so grateful we got the opportunity to complete Field Centre."

"I really enjoyed Field Centre 2022 and I am very grateful that I got to enjoy this experience, form connections, try new things, learn new things and push and challenge myself."

Finally, a thank you to the following organisations that were involved with Field Centre: Adventure Specialties Trust, Dempsey Buses, Tongariro River Rafting, Project Tongariro, New World Turangi, and OnRoad Rentals.

Onwards and upwards for 2023.

Written by Will Gage-Brown, Head of EOTC





College Sports Awards 2022

Tradition and success. Two hallmark characteristics of the annual Sports Awards dinner the College hosts in Term 4. Though the students, teachers, and keynote speaker vary from year to year, the night is always a celebration of elite sporting success and encouragement for our athletes, as well as delicious food.

To start the night, Director of Sports Mr Mike Anderson addressed the packed-out Jubilee Sports Centre's tables of students, teachers, coaches, and loved ones. He talked about opportunity, the privilege it is to have it, and that what makes Saint Kentigern so unique is the amount of opportunity the school provides. He thanked those in the room for seizing opportunities, and recognising their success was birthed from boldness to take what was offered and work tirelessly until greatness was achieved. Following his address, the individual sports prizes were awarded, with the immense number of the codes shown in full force as students received trophies for sports from basketball to fencing.

Guests were then addressed by Sports Prefects Brooke Fonoti and Tetauru Cuthers. Both remarkable athletes in their own right, they encouraged, reflected, and celebrated the year of sporting that was. Brooke spoke about sacrifice in her speech. An all-too-familiar acquaintance to each of the athletes and parents in the room. She reflected on her own struggle at times to keep going, yet showing up regardless, choosing to give her best in small moments. This led to incredible successes in water polo, touch rugby and netball throughout her year. Tetauru spoke on the importance of reflection. He challenged the individuals in the room to think about how sport has served them and to be grateful as they received their accolades throughout the night.

The ceremony then paused for a delicious dinner and dessert. As the attendees enjoyed the company of their peers, you could see them relax into the night after a week packed with training sessions, competitions and games. With dinner service over and bellies full, Old Collegian and Commonwealth Games cycling bronze medallist Mr Sam Dakin addressed the crowd. His cake analogy won't be forgotten by those who attended, reminding them that the journey to success – the practices, people, and hard work – is most important. A medal is simply the icing on the cake. As he talked, his obvious authenticity encouraged everyone in the room. Reflecting on his journey to a medal, he revealed his struggle with injuries and mental health. He shared how it taught him to appreciate the process, as success is never guaranteed.

The night ended with special awards including Team of the Year won by the cycling girls' premier team, the Bruce Palmer award won by George Turner, and Dux Ludorum for Senior Sportsperson of the Year won by Brooke Fonoti. Each of their performances in multiple codes throughout the year achieved national, and in some cases international success.

Thank you to everyone nominated as well as our teachers, parents, coaches, caregivers and supporters. This was a celebration of our athletes and everything you have done. It always takes a village. Thank you to the night's organisers Director of Sports Mr Mike Anderson, premier teams, events organiser Ms Lynne Scutt, our MC Mrs Bridget Anitelea, the Sports Council, prefects, and all other staff involved. We also thank our distinguished guests College Sport Auckland CEO Mr Mark Barlow for presenting our special awards, and Mr Sam Dakin for his words of encouragement.





**Dux Ludorum Senior
Sportsperson of the Year:**
Brooke Fonoti



**Boys Runner-up to
Dux Ludorum:**
George Turner

Special Award Winners:

Year 7 & 8 Sportsman of the Year:	Chace Wang
Year 7 & 8 Sportswoman of the Year:	Sophie Archer
Year 9 Sportsman of the Year:	Ben Archer
Year 9 Sportswoman of the Year:	Pia Vlok
Year 10 Sportsman of the Year:	Blake McKinnon
Year 10 Sportswoman of the Year:	Ashleigh Tuumaialu
Year 11 Sportsman of the Year:	Coen Anderson
Year 11 Sportswoman of the Year:	Emmerson Garrett
Principals Award Jerome Kaino Cup:	Alex Mirkov
Principals Award Grant Dalton Cup:	Brooke Fonoti
Principals Award Steve Cole Cup:	Xavi Taele
Team Performance of the Year:	Premier Girls Cycling



**Girls Runner-up to
Dux Ludorum:**
Ruby Spring



**Outstanding
Performance of the Year:**
Dontae Russo-Nance



College Sports Highlights



Young Sports Person of the Year

The annual College Sport YSPOTY Awards were held at Eden Park in November 2022. Saint Kentigern had a huge group of finalists and category winners. Congratulations to all these students.

Dontae Russo-Nance	Basketball	Winner
Olivia Rooney	Triathlon	Winner
Adam Morrison	Touch	Winner
Rikesh Patel	Cricket	Winner
Diego Quispe-Kim	Tennis	Winner
Brooke Fonoti	All-rounder	Winner
Emma Anderson	Tennis	Finalist
Mahina Warren	Tennis	Finalist
Alex Mirkov	Tennis	Finalist
Isabelle Bannister	Triathlon	Finalist
Ruby Spring	All-rounder Cycling	Winner Finalist
George Turner	Basketball	Finalist



Tayden Smit	Cricket	Finalist
Emma Pijnenburg	Football	Finalist
Khanye Lii Munro-Nonoa	Netball	Finalist
Charlotte Manley	Netball	Finalist
Ashleigh Tuumaialu	Touch	Finalist
Nakoia Ashford	Touch	Finalist
Mathew Vaughan	Hockey	Finalist
Liv Peebles	Swimming	Finalist



Touch Takeover

Touch - Auckland Championships

The junior girls and boys touch teams competed in the Auckland Junior Champs at Cocks Bay in December. The girls got through pool play unbeaten and continued to the semi-final, beating Mt Albert Grammar School. In a nail-biting final, they pushed through to victory beating Westlake 7-4 to win the Junior Auckland Title.



Touch - Girls NZ Secondary Schools

The Girls Premier Touch Team competed at the NZSS Championships held once again in Rotorua. The Saint Kentigern girls team have a long history of success in this tournament, and they had their eyes on the top four. The team pushed through adversity right until the bitter end, losing a couple of key players prior to the tournament and their captain after the first game. Horrendous weather and more injuries made them push harder, and they were relentless in every game to reach their goal of top four in New Zealand.

After wins against Carmel, Columba, and Marlborough and a draw with Westlake, the young team found themselves in the semi-final. It was here their winning streak ended as Hamilton Girls took them in the last seconds. In the bronze match they were beaten by St Hilda's to finish in fourth. A huge thank you to our Year 13 trailblazers Nakoia Ashford, Khanye Lii Munro-Nonoa, Brooke Fonoti, and Verity Ward for your efforts over the years. Thanks to coaches Char Davis and Tone Kolose for all your work with this team.

Athletics

The NZ Secondary Schools Championships were held in Inglewood in December 2022. Saint Kentigern had ten athletes competing with some great results, including a number of top five results and the following medallists:

Owen Lamb	Junior Boys 100m	Gold
Leofe Usufono	Junior Boys 100m	Bronze
Joe Berman	Senior Boys 400m	Bronze
Imogen Barlow	Junior Girls 3000m Junior Girls 1500m	Silver Silver (new College record)
Paige Fletcher	Junior Girls Hammer Throw	Gold
Katelyn Quay-Chin	Senior Girls 100m Hurdles Senior Girls Pole Vault	Bronze Bronze



NZ Mountain Biking Championships

The last event on the calendar in 2022 for the Saint Kentigern cyclists was the Mountain Biking Nationals held in Bluff in the October holidays. Congratulations to Alex Clark who won gold in the U17 Cross Country, silver in Enduro and bronze in the Downhill to claim Overall Winner. Sophie Archer won gold in the U13 Girls Cross Country.



NZ Track Cycling Championships

A small group of cyclists headed to the NZSS Track Cycling Championships in Invercargill.

Saint Kentigern took out the national title in the U16 Boys Team Pursuit featuring Jamie Cantell-Roberts, Hunter Dalton, Finn Cogan, and Hunter Ballard beating St Peter's Cambridge in the gold-medal ride. Within an hour, Jamie and Hunter took another national title in the U16 Boys Team Sprint.



Cricket

Cricket in Term 4 2022 has seen continued development of the overall programme, highlighted by our First XI boys contesting the Auckland Secondary Schools final held at Mount Albert Grammar, with the hosts taking away the final. This was followed up by two Saint Kentigern College junior teams contesting the final of their division, with the winner to be promoted into the colts (top-tier junior) grade. That will mean that in 2023 the College will have two teams competing in this top-tier junior grade, growing our player base at this level and exposing more players to grass-wicket cricket.



First Splash for Rowing

The first big regatta of the season for Saint Kentigern rowing took place over a very hot three days at Karapiro. For the first-year 'novvie' rowers, they got their first taste of the lung-burning 2000m race.

Twenty of our crews made A-finals and five made B-finals, an incredible result. This places Saint Kentigern College at the top of the stack for co-ed rowing programmes in the North Island.

Two standout podium finishes that deserve an honourable mention include:

- 2nd Boys' U17 Coxed Quad Sculls
Henry Chafer
Eden Mead
Sam White
Bruno Tebbutt
Oliver Walsh (Cox)
- 3rd Boys' Intermediate Coxed Octuple Sculls
Henry Sutton
Connor Mackie
Monty Neubert
Zachary Woods
J.T. Irwin
Benjamin Rickard
Ethan Lao
Dylan Robinson
James Nicholson (Cox)



From the President of the Old Collegians

Welcome to 2023. I would firstly like to welcome Mr Damon Emtage as the new principal of Saint Kentigern College on behalf of all Old Collegians. Please make him feel very welcome within our community.

As we move into 2023, I would like to highlight a few events from the latter part of 2022. The inaugural Distinguished Alumni Awards was a stand-out, with many Old Collegians in attendance and four of them receiving the prestigious honour. The event which was held at Auckland Museum was grand and well organised. I have had many Old Collegians contacting me to say how much they enjoyed it and what a great showcase it was for the Saint Kentigern community.

In sports news, I am pleased to confirm that after an absence of two years, the annual Wirihana Cup was again contested between the OCs of the Boys' School and the current 1st XI cricket team. In 2022 we had three past Boys' School head boys playing, two College head prefects and Tim McIntosh (former Black Cap) forming our team. Congratulations to the 1st XI team who posted a competitive total and claimed overall victory.

Last year we were also grateful to host a successful graduation anniversary event. The class of 1997 held a reunion for their twenty-fifth anniversary, combining a tour of the College campus and barbeque with an evening of food and beverages at the Kingslander Bar and Restaurant. We had over fifty past students attend both of these events. We will continue to make a twenty-fifth reunion the main focus every year and identify a core group of students from that year who can, with our help, organise a great event. It also represents an

opportunity to update contact information so we can stay in touch and connect.

As part of our yearly commitments, we continue to sponsor graduation events at Saint Kentigern, including the Year 8 Boys' School and Girls' School leavers dinners and the Year 13 leavers brunch at the College. These are great opportunities for us to welcome students into the Old Collegian network, whether they are moving to a different school or into a new stage in their life. When they realise Saint Kentigern has become a big part of their life, the Old Collegian network is there to support them with their future.

On 21 October 2022, we were fortunate to gather fifty-five Old Collegians on the rooftop of the Glenmore Hotel in Sydney for pizza and drinks. Due to Covid, we had not been able to host this fellowship event for three years. There was a good mix of attendees, both men and women from varying age groups of early twenties to late sixties. The sunny evening supported an enjoyable event and we were all pleased to be meeting up again with old school friends. A group then arranged to attend the Twenty20 cricket match together, which saw New Zealand beat Australia. As such, the weekend was extra memorable for all SKOCA participants, and we anticipate with excitement a similar event later this year.

We have a lot to look forward to in 2023 with Saint Kentigern celebrating its seventieth anniversary as well as twenty years of girls at the College.

Some events coming up in 2023 include:

- Old Collegian evenings in Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin
- Old Collegian sporting fixtures between College cricket, hockey and netball 1st teams
- Wirihana Cricket Cup between Saint Kentigern Boys' School Old Boys and our current 1st XI
- Saint Kentigern College's twenty-fifth anniversary dinner for the class of 1998
- Annual Saint Kentigern College's Old Collegian golf day
- SKOCA Annual General Meeting (29 June)

I hope to see you at one of our events this year. Please come and introduce yourself to me or one of our committee members.

On behalf of SKOCA, I'd like to wish you all a prosperous and successful 2023.

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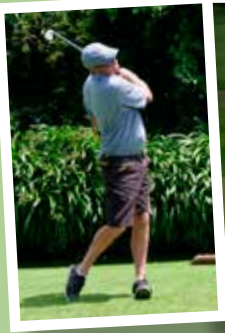
Mr Hayden Butler
SKOCA President

In Memoriam

It is with sadness that we record the passing of the following members of the Saint Kentigern community. We express our condolences to their families.

BECKETT, John Gilbert #644
BOYES, Warren William #1
JUDD, Donald Keith #266
PATTERSON, John #253

CALDER, Grant Rodd #7492
BUCKINGHAM, Ian Kingsley #2156
BLACKWOOD, Charles Nicholas #305
WORRALL, John Houston #432



SKOCA Golf Tournament Back in Action

What do you get when you mix a pearler Monday afternoon, the barbie sizzling with snags and a slew of Saint Kentigern Old Collegians? The SKOCA Golf Tournament, of course! Hosted at Remuera Golf Club, over 120 participants making up 30 teams gathered for a barbecue before spending the afternoon besting their old schoolmates.

There is nothing like a round of golf to bring out that schoolboy competitive spirit we know so many of them have. With bellies filled with a light lunch, the Old Collegians were briefed on the rules and sent off to their designated tees for a shotgun start to begin the action.

Conditions were ideal, with a jackpot of a day and freshly manicured fairways for the balls to soar towards the 18 holes on the course. Teams enjoyed cold beverages together as they strolled through the grounds, no doubt with a few chuckles over nostalgic memories.

The evening ended with a prizegiving to which many generous donors gave spectacular gifts for teams placing in the top fourteen. The day's big winners were Alex Smith's team who each received a Samsung Galaxy Watch5 courtesy of Ray Jiang and Spark. Bonus prizes for closest-to-in on the eighth hole, longest drive on the fifteenth and closest-to-pin on the seventeenth were won by Grant Clark, Dean Wedlake and Trevor Purkis respectively. No one went home empty-handed, with goodie bags for everyone to mark the occasion.

We thank our incredibly generous contributors, participants, and Old Collegians. The money raised from this event has gone towards equipment for our Year 10 field centre trip – an event in the College calendar that students will remember for years. We hope that in the not-too-distant future, those benefiting from the new equipment will have the opportunity to share memories from their trip over a round of golf.





Old Collegians Connect at Business Network Event

A crisp November day was warmed by gathering many business-savvy alums to connect over canapés and drinks. The event had a great showing, from Old Collegians fresh out of university to those well acquainted with their respective industries, each connecting over their Kentigern common ground. We also welcomed many of our commercial sponsors and donors to this occasion.

Hosted at the Boys' School new staffroom in the Macky Senior School, the brand-new building provided the perfect location for our guests to engage. Mr Peter Cassie, Boys' School Principal, welcomed everyone. He invited Deputy Board Chair Mrs Kelly Smith to speak about where Saint Kentigern is headed and the creation of the Saint Kentigern Foundation.

The Old Collegians' Association is committed to creating an engaged community. Whether in business or for an annual round of golf, we hope to see many more familiar faces at our next business network event.



The Boys are Back: 1997 Old Collegians Reunion

The time spent at school is monumental in an individual's life, yet it is over quickly. Once in university, a career, or having a family, school can become mere memories and stories that, over time, tend to lose detail. At Saint Kentigern College, we believe the school years don't have to stop at graduation, and the connection can last forever.

Last week we had the pleasure of hosting the Class of 1997 at the College for their 25-year reunion full of laughs, memories, old friendships, and good food. All the Old Collegians gathered in the Chapel, which would have looked a little different in their time. The expansions added to one of the landmark buildings of the campus began after they had left. Seeing them notice the blend of old and new as they entered the Chapel, some for the first time since leaving, was amazing. As the Chapel celebrated 50 years in 2022, it was an extra special moment to reflect.

To begin the afternoon, Acting College Principal Mr Duncan McQueen and Director of Development Mr Richard Lindroos addressed the group. Together, they journeyed through the changes the school has undertaken since 1997. As they walked down memory lane, milestones included the addition of girls and the development of new buildings such as the

science block, which grandly stands in place of the duck pond, as many jovially noted. Another significant milestone was the addition of two new houses, Wilson and Stark, pointedly named after Scottish heroines to mark the changes in the student body. During their time in the Chapel, they shared memories of their years at the College, including many lunch trips down to Pizza Hut and Bruce House antics.

Following the initial gathering, the Old Boys toured the new buildings on campus, visited the archives for a laugh at some old class photos, and ended in the Sports Centre for a good old-fashioned barbecue. The celebrations didn't end there, as they took the reunion to The Kingslander for those unable to attend the school portion during work hours.

We are always grateful to see our past students on campus as we take great pride in our alums and the full lives they go on to lead. Thank you to all who came back; we relish the rare opportunity to connect. We also thank the Old Collegians Association which does an incredible job of connecting our past students with all the school is continuing to do. To all our Old Collegians, once a son of Kentigern, always a son of Kentigern; we look forward to seeing many more of you in the coming years.





Bruce House '50s and '60s Boarders Celebrated at Inaugural Reunion

In conjunction with Saint Andrew's Day on 30 November 2022, over sixty Bruce House boarders from the 1950s and 1960s returned for an inaugural reunion. For many, it was their first time back at the College and boarding house in decades. The feeling of nostalgia was apparent as these Old Collegians reminisced fondly about the past while walking alongside their fellow boarders through their old living quarters.

Many were eager to check out the rooms they used to stay in, recalling names of roommates, matrons, and the House Master in their day. Plenty of time was spent engaging in animated conversations with each other, filling the hallways and dining area with revelry and laughter.

Following a warm welcome by Acting College Principal Mr Duncan McQueen, our special guests were treated to a sumptuous lunch in the dining hall. Joining them were the current Trust Board Chair Mr Mark Conelly and Executive Trustee Dr Kevin Morris, who were both Bruce House boarders themselves.

As weather would have it, plans for a tour of the College campus had to be cancelled and our guests were instead transported to the Chapel where Mr Conelly shared developments at Saint Kentigern in recent years, followed by Dr Morris who presented the changes to and prospects for Bruce House.

To mark this momentous occasion, the six foundation boarders in attendance were presented a framed photo of their inaugural year at the boarding house. Guests also witnessed the presentation of the Iona Stone as a gift to the Chapel of Saint Kentigern, accepted by Mr McQueen and the 2022 College Chapel Prefect Sebastian Hardie; a fitting ceremony in conjunction with the Chapel's 50th anniversary.

This beautiful piece of polished Iona marble comes from the island off the west coast of Scotland where Saint Columba brought the Christian gospel from Ireland in the fifth century AD. From this foundation in Iona, Saint Columba and his successors including Saint Kentigern established and spread the Celtic Christian faith in Scotland.

Following the formalities, guests followed the beautiful sounds of pipe by Mr Andrew Lightfoot as they left the Chapel for afternoon tea at the Goodfellow Centre.

Throughout the gathering, it was precious to witness the amazing fellowship and friendship that has been kept over the years. We would like to thank all who attended for taking the time to join us. We plan to host this event annually on Saint Andrew's Day and look forward to welcoming past boarders back to Bruce House and the College on 30 November 2023.



Bruce House '50s Group



Bruce House '60s Group



Having a Ball: Jordan Vandermade

It's Wednesday night; you're clenching that Lotto ticket because today will be the day you win big. The man on the screen flashes a smile and then, for most, lets you down number by number. Next time.

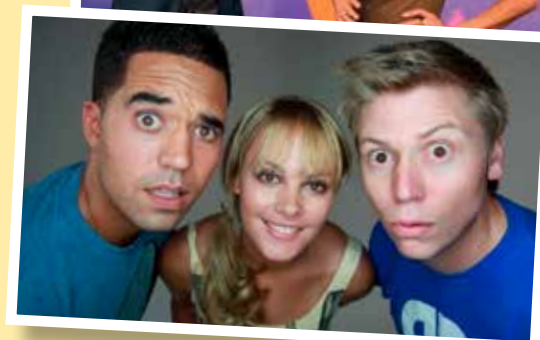
You may be more of a get-outdoors-and-support-local-sport kind of person. The ASB Tennis Classic is back in Auckland after a few years' hiatus and has drawn you in for a day. Thoroughly entertained by the centre-court emcee, you think you'll make this a yearly tradition.

A jack of all talking trades, Jordan Vandermade has become a familiar face on New Zealand television and at events. If you watch What's On at Chemist Warehouse, the weekly Lotto draw, or popped into the ASB Classic in January, you will have seen him. For those young enough to remember rushing home from school not wanting to miss a minute of Studio 2, Jordan will be no stranger.

He didn't always identify as the chatterbox showman type; he was an extremely successful athlete in his seven years at Saint Kentigern. Starting at the Boys' School for his intermediate years and then continuing to College, Jordan marked his name in the history books for athletics. A bronze medal in the decathlon at the 2006 World Junior Athletics Championships cemented his standing as one of the school's best athletes.

Despite success being a large part of his school journey, he looks back most fondly on the moments that brought people together, particularly inter-house events. The friendship, healthy but fierce competition, and teachers who became mentors through the years are what had the most impact on him. And, as a true son of Kentigern, his blood still runs red for Hamilton house.

With lots of exciting work lined up for the year, Jordan has hit the ground running in 2023. "Starting the year as centre-court emcee at the ASB Tennis Classic tournaments will be a great way to begin the year. I hope all of you in the Saint Kentigern family, both old and current, will make 2023 your best one yet; this old boy knows it will be!" Between Lotto and the tennis court, in 2023, he certainly will be having a ball!



Lemons to Lemonade: Charlotte Brown

It wasn't too long ago that Charlotte Brown's daily routine consisted of House music, mathematics classes, and lunches sat in little circles with her group of friends. Making sure to enjoy the little moments at Saint Kentigern College, when she graduated in 2015 she didn't have a detailed game plan of where to next.

It was her mum who planted the seed to pursue culinary arts. During her early years at the College, Charlotte's grandfather fell sick, and as a result family dinners became few and far between. It didn't take long for Charlotte to convince her mum to let her loose in the kitchen. Praying she wouldn't burn the house down, her mum apprehensively started to show her the basics. Soon after, she was away, making dinners most nights for her family with a new passion borne through both necessity and love. Lemons to lemonade.

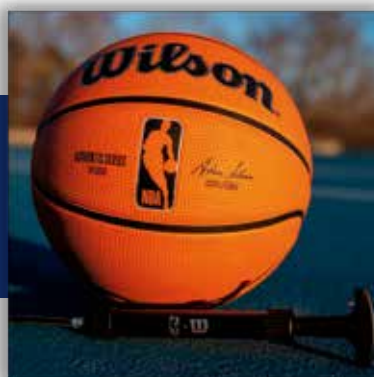
One year into culinary school, a jackpot opportunity arose to be part of the television series My Kitchen Rules NZ. Charlotte grabbed her best friend Maddie, and as the youngest contestants ever, they took on the challenge to cook for celebrity chefs Pete Evans and Manu Feildel. The show opened all kinds of doors for the aspiring young chefs. From creating their own dishes in restaurants such as Surf Shack in Waihi Beach to Women's Weekly photoshoots, MKR was an incredible launching pad.

A few years on now, Charlotte is finding her niche within the culinary world. As a creative, conceptual chef, she loves the process of bringing an event to life with flavour and heart in her dishes. Since finishing her cookery diploma, she's worked at Giraffe restaurant, released an e-book, and is slowly putting together the pieces for a second. To her, meals are more than food – it's about creating an atmosphere that welcomes people. Though an untapped dream currently, in the future she plans to pass her knowledge and love for food down to the next generation of cooks.

Coming full circle, she now has clients who need dinners made for their busy lives. Though her cooking is far more refined than the humble chili con carne her mum taught her to make back in high school, the sentiment remains the same: meals of love.



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